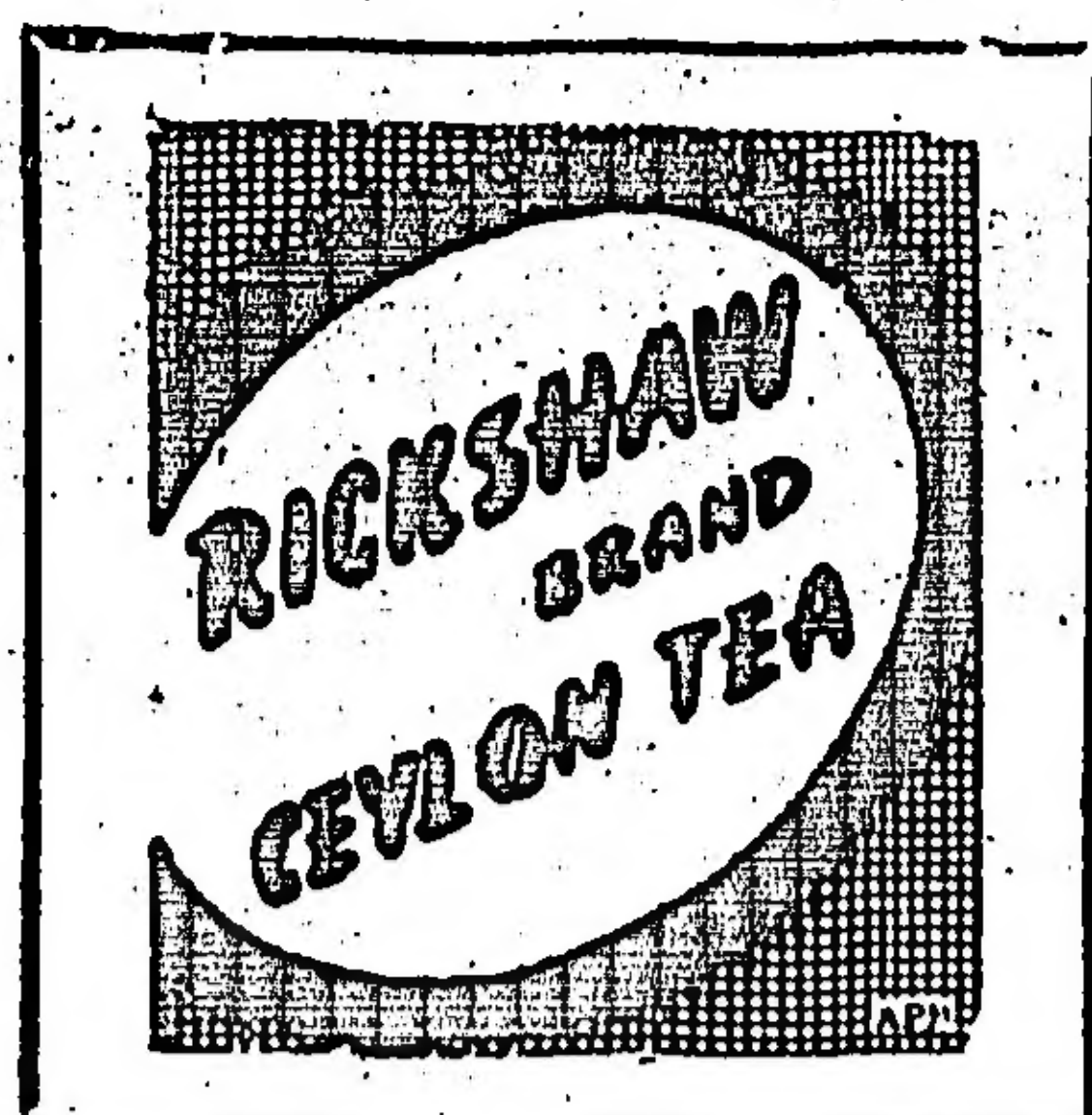


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## SHOCK FOLLOWS SHOCK FOR ITALIAN ARMIES

### Naples And Kiel Raided

Successful attacks upon objectives at Kiel and Naples were carried out on Sunday night by the Bomber Command despite extremely difficult weather conditions, according to an Air Ministry announcement in London last evening.

The attack on Kiel lasted nearly 70 minutes and was carried out by waves of British aircraft. Other aircraft bombed the main railway station at Naples and oil tanks at Poggioreale, on the southern outskirts of the city.

Bombers which attacked Naples reported that Italian anti-aircraft guns provided more effective opposition than on the previous raid.

The city was well blacked out and as our aircraft approached they were met by a heavy and fairly accurate fire.

The attacks on the naval dockyards at Kiel were delayed until early yesterday morning, when weather conditions showed some improvement, and it was not until 4 a.m. that the first British raider reached the target area.—Reuter.

### ITALIAN NAVAL LOSS AT CORFU

THE ITALIANS LOST ANOTHER WARSHIP IN THE BATTLE NEAR CORFU, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM YUGOSLAVIA.

These reports yesterday afternoon said that the battle took place between Greek warships and Italian naval units which were attempting to enter the channel between Corfu and the Greek mainland.

The Greeks are said to have prevented this and an Italian warship was sunk after an hour's battle.

Earlier reports spoke of an Italian warship on fire and steaming northwards from the island.—Reuter.

### FALSE-MARKED PLANE BOMBS ATHENS

An Italian plane bearing Greek colours "passed over" Athens at 12.10 yesterday afternoon and dropped a single bomb which injured three people. The enemy machine disappeared when it sighted a British fighter.—Reuter.

### ITALIAN VERSION OF OPERATIONS

Italian reports from the Greek-Albanian frontier state that Italian aircraft were actively engaged yesterday in bombing Greek positions and troop concentrations, batteries and villages.

The official Italian news agency claims that "Italian troops continued to advance on all fronts."—Reuter.

### London Raidfree For 24 Hours

The London area has been without an air raid alert for 24 hours—the longest period of calm since the mass German air attacks began nearly two months ago.

The Air Ministry, announcing this last evening, added that very few enemy aircraft had crossed the coast during the day.

Bombs were dropped in the London area and widely separated points in the Midlands and East Anglia.

This caused damage to a few houses. A small number of people were killed and injured.—Reuter.

### ACTION AFTER THE ELECTION?

AMERICAN ACTION IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA AFTER THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS IS EXPECTED IN SOME QUARTERS IN MARTINIQUE, WHERE AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICERS ARE REPORTED TO BE MAKING REPEATED INQUIRIES ABOUT HOUSING POSSIBILITIES.

American-built warplanes, originally destined for France, which were held up at Martinique, are still at the flying-field, and it is reported they are so rusty that they are unserviceable.—Reuter.

## Greeks Bombarding Koritza: Fascists Cut Off In South

GREEK FORCES HAVE CAPTURED BIGLISHTE AND ARE BOMBARDING KORITZA, COMMANDING THE HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE FRONTIER RECEIVED IN BELGRADE, THE YUGOSLAVIAN CAPITAL, LAST NIGHT.

A Greek guerilla band commanded by Vardea, the famous guerilla leader, is reported to have cut the communications of the Italian army threatening Janina which is said to number 30,000 men.

GREEK TROOPS ARE UNOFFICIALLY REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN THE OFFENSIVE IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT IN THE PAST 48 HOURS, ADVANCING AT SOME POINTS INTO ALBANIA.

Meanwhile a week of fierce fighting has clearly established that the Italian High Command hopelessly under-rated the magnitude of the task which Italy set herself when she attacked Greece.

This view was underlined yesterday in Greek military quarters in Athens, where it was stated, without any tendency towards over-confidence, that the "position is far better than anyone could have hoped for seven days ago."

It was feared in the first 48 hours that the Italians might succeed in breaching through the mountain passes west of Florina before the Greeks could rally, thus paving the way for a drive through much easier terrain towards the south.

### Greeks Shell Koritza

But violent Greek counter-attacks not only foiled the enemy's plans but swept their own troops forward into Albania.

Positions have been captured north of the Italian base of Koritza, which is now heavily shelled by Greek artillery.

During the past 48 hours the Greeks are unofficially reported to have been on the offensive also in the southern sector, advancing into Albania at several points.

Fresh troops are arriving hourly in support.

### Centre Static

In the centre sector, where both sides have massed large forces, the situation is more static.

It was here that an Italian attack was repulsed with the loss to the enemy of nine tanks out of 20 which supported the attack.

Unofficial reports say that when the Italians attempted to rush the (Continued on Page 10)

### PATROCLUS TORPEDOED AND SUNK

Two British armed merchant cruisers, one of them well-known on the Far Eastern run, have been sunk by the enemy, according to an Admiralty announcement in London last night.

They are the Laurentic (18,724 tons), a former Cunard-White Star liner, and the Patroclus (11,314 tons), the Blue Funnel liner formerly on the Liverpool-Far East service.

Both vessels, says the Admiralty communique, were torpedoed.—Reuter.

### DEATH OF DR. AZANA

Dr. Manuel Azana, former President of the Spanish Republic, died on Sunday night at Fontauban, in France, it was reported in Vichy yesterday.

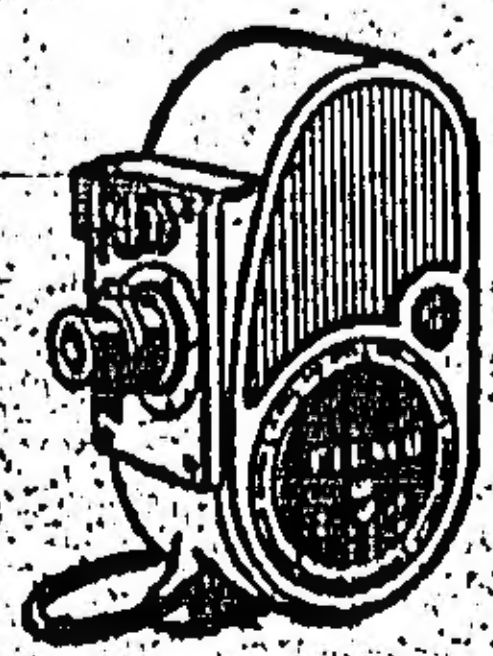
Dr. Azana, who was 60, had been ill for some months.—Reuter.

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### BERLIN DROPS PEACE IDEA

The Wilhelmstrasse yesterday gave the quietus to reports about alleged peace moves by the Axis powers.

"In view of their present political and military position Germany and Italy have no reason for making a peace offer to the enemy," it was stated.—Reuter.

### GEN. SMUTS WARNS S. AFRICA

A vivid description of the danger in which the Union of South Africa stood in these days of long-range bombers, was given by General Smuts, the Premier, in an interview with the South African Press Association at Pretoria yesterday on his return from a tour in the north.

The Union would be in great danger, he said, if South Africa did not send troops to the north.

General Smuts said the Lockheed-Hudson plane in which he travelled often flew over 300 miles an hour but was continually outstripped by the accompanying American-built Martin bomber, one of a number originally ordered for France but taken over by the Union Government after France's collapse.

The Martin bomber, he said, could bring a full load of bombs from Kenya and bomb Pretoria. The pilot could leave Kenya in the morning and be at Pretoria after lunch.

General Smuts declared the morale of the Union troops was excellent and all they wanted was to fight.—Reuter.

ON THE EVE OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, WHICH HAS BECOME AN EVENT OF FAR-REACHING INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE, ALL PRIVATE SURVEYS AND "TEST POLLS" GIVE A NECK-AND-NECK FINISH AND AN UNPREDICTABLE RESULT, WHILE PARTY OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES ARE PREDICTING A COMFORTABLE VICTORY FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CANDIDATES.

Republican newspapers have read significance into the fact that Mr. James Farley, Chairman of the New York State Democratic organisation, did not send the usual message of confidence to up-State Democratic leaders but cabled: "Extremely urgent that every possible vote be brought to the polls."

Nevertheless, Washington opinion is that President Roosevelt will be re-elected for the bitterly debated third term.

It is likely to be a record poll. Seldom have Americans taken a presidential campaign so seriously.

One of the most remarkable features of the campaign has been the manner both candidates have been obliged to deal with the war and foreign issues, which earlier had been ignored.

### Willkie Handicap

Most enthusiastic applause for President Roosevelt was at Cleveland on his promise of aid for Britain and his attacks against Nazism and Communism, while Mr. Wendell Willkie's most recent trump card has been his promise he would do more for Britain than President Roosevelt.

Undoubtedly one of Mr. Willkie's handicaps is his isolationist Republican following.

Many Republican supporters do not like the idea that Representative Hamilton Fish, the isolationist Republican Congressman, would, probably be chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee if Mr. Willkie wins.

### "Squawking Albatross"

For instance, Claire Boothe, the famous playwright, has been campaigning for Mr. Willkie but also urging the election of Mr. Hamilton Fish whom she calls the "squawking albatross of myopic isolationism."

Meanwhile, Mr. Willkie, in an eye of election speech to New York women, declaring that he would never "take the United States to war until your representatives in Congress have declared it," gave a pledge that "my every act as President will be to keep this country out of foreign wars and keep it at peace." — Reuter.

### BRITAIN'S AID TO GREECE

Greek sources in Athens are expressing great satisfaction both at the increasing help Britain is giving to Greece and at the stand Greek troops are making all along the line.

The Greek Minister in London says he has no reason to doubt reports that the British forces in Crete include land, naval and air units.

In spite of the latest Greek successes, the High Command does not under-rate the strength of the Italians and greatly intensified enemy action is regarded as imminent. — Reuter.

### BACK TO NORMAL

SWISS CORRESPONDENTS IN ROME DRAW ATTENTION TO THE SIGNIFICANT FACT THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ITALIAN PRESS HAS RESUMED ITS SEVERE ATTACKS ON FRANCE SINCE THE HITLER/MUSSOLINI MEETING IN FLORENCE.

It is suggested that they may have had it brought home to them that although France was defeated, she is far from being dead. — Reuter.



The hop pickers high in the Kentish Weald are not letting air raid warnings stop them from carrying on. They are sticking by the bines in the daytime and staying in their hop-houses at nights to get a good sleep. Photo shows three generations. (Left to right): Mrs. J. Tolhurst (Pearly Queen of Walworth) Mrs. Duckworth (mother of Mrs. Tolhurst) and Miss Norah Tolhurst (daughter of the Pearly Queen) carrying on in the hop fields with a smile. (Copyright, Fox).

### ITALIAN AIMS IN SYRIA

The increasing likelihood of large-scale military activity in the Middle East accentuates the new Italian demands on Syria. The Axis Disarmament Commission had tried to convert French arms in Syria to Italian use, and, in addition, to leave Syria as a military highway along which the Germans and Italians may march unimpeded to the oilfields of Mosul.

The Italians are interested in far more than the demobilisation of the Army of the Orient which Marshal Weygand gathered near Damascus. Recently an attempt was made to secure French permission to fly the French aeroplanes from Syria to the Dodecanese. The French warplanes in Syria, although not of the latest types, are far more useful than the admittedly old-fashioned planes which the Italians have in the Dodecanese. Although the French authorities refused this request, it is by no means certain that they will oppose the transfer of the planes in question to Libya, where they would probably not be used against Syria.

The Italians also demand the use of Tripoli (in Syria) as a base. Tripoli could be useful both for raiding action at sea and as a jumping-off place for an invasion of the coastal regions of Palestine. It is also the terminal point of the northern offshoot of the Kirkuk-Haditha oil pipeline. Although no oil has flowed along this line in the last two months, it could come into instant service again if the southern pipeline through Palestine were cut and if the Italians could bring pressure on Iraq.

The position is that, while the Franco-Italian armistice provided for the demobilisation of the French armies in Syria, no mention was made of the handing over of the French Air Force or of the cession of naval and land bases to Italy. Italian strategy is clearly to intensify the attack on Egypt and, at the same time, attempt a diversion through a disarmed Syria. If the diversion fails, it at least secures the immobilisation in Palestine of British troops who are badly needed in Egypt; while, if a promising line of attack opens in the Syrian region, a corridor to the Iraq and Iranian oilfields is opened up. The military stakes in such a gamble are indeed high, and Italy wants to stack the cards in her favour, first by disarming any possible opposition in Syria, and secondly, by converting the modern equipment of the French army to her own use. The most important element in this pre-military chicanery is to allow Italian forces to establish

### LONDON'S AIR DEFENCES

"There are some very fine surprises in the offing," says Professor A. M. Low, referring to secret devices which are being prepared — some already have been tested and are being produced on an extensive scale — to strengthen London's defences against night bombers.

"Many new ideas and new methods are being applied," he added. "Parachute flares and lights, microphones on balloons, and new types of shells are all known. Scientists are busily examining such things as bombs which are directed at the enemy by sound or infra-red rays, aerial mines, an automatic gun and searchlight co-ordination, and other new devices which shall be nameless."

While a Sunday newspaper headline, "Bombers Race From London's Big Guns," is regarded as an exaggeration, it is true that more and more German bombs are dropping uselessly on the countryside. Londoners await with acute eagerness the night when the new "terror barrage" will demonstrate its capacity to harass, break up, and drive off raiding squadrons.

The recent strengthening of London's mighty array of anti-aircraft guns already has had effect. For instance only single raiders were heard over Central London during a 10-hour alarm, while at breakfast time when a brief alarm was sounded, Londoners saw and heard no sign of the enemy's visit.

It is understood that the Government has ordered 3,000 men of the Royal Engineers to assist the city's demolition squads.

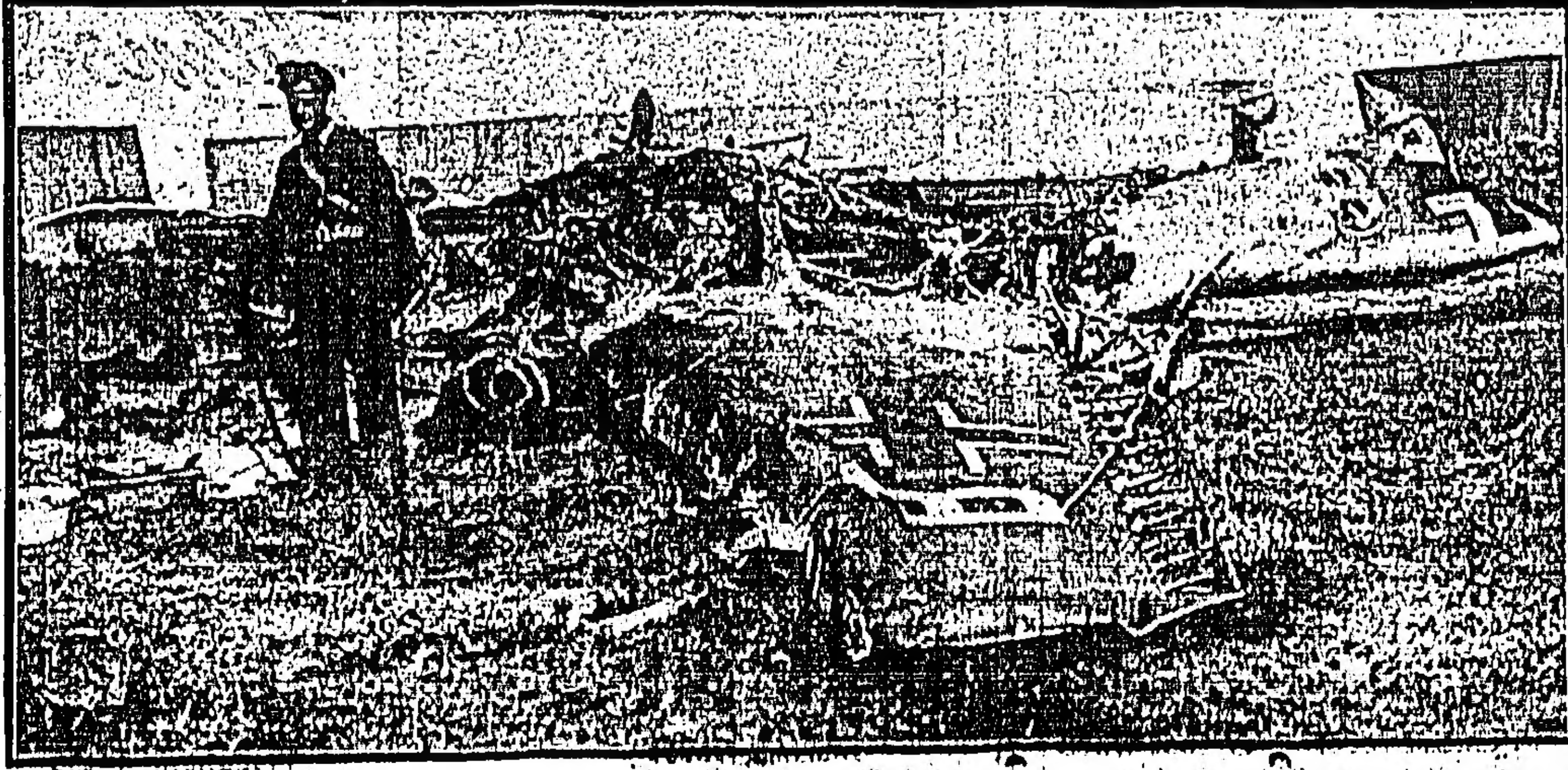
The "Sunday Graphic" in a leading-article, suggests the bringing in of regiments of soldiers to assist London's magnificent A.R.P. workers.

"Many lives could be saved if there was a swifter clearing away of debris," it says, "and it would give some needed ease to A.R.P. wardens and their colleagues."

### BRIGHTER TONE ON STOCK MARKET

Conditions on the London Stock Exchange yesterday were bright and business active, especially in gilt-edged, where prices were higher on sustained investment demand. Rails were well bought while among industrials, tobaccos and breweries were supported. Kafirs were firm. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

themselves in bases along the Syrian coast.



Another enemy machine which was brought down during raids over England. It was a bomber. (Copyright, Fox).



# SPANISH ACTION AT TANGIER

## Military Commander Takes Over "Full Charge"

### Legislative Assembly "Dissolved"

Colonel Yuste, Commander of the Spanish troops in the International Zone of Tangier, yesterday issued an order dissolving the Committee of Control and the Legislative Assembly and announcing that he is taking "full charge" of the Zone.

The taking over of Tangier by Spain is confirmed in British official circles in London and is receiving careful consideration.

### LEGATION STAFFS LEAVING

The Greek Minister to Italy and his staff were due to leave for Greece last night, states a Rome message.

No news has been received in the Italian capital from Signor, Grazi, the Italian Minister to Athens, for the past three days. From Athens comes news that he was expected to leave for Italy on Sunday, but he has not yet left.

It is said in some circles that the Italian Minister is not very anxious to return home because he fears the reception he is likely to get when he arrives.

It is believed that he told Mussolini that Greece would accept the Italian ultimatum without a fight.

It is reported that the Italian Government held up for 24 hours the Greek Government's instructions to its Minister in Rome.

This was done so that it would not appear that Greece was taking the initiative in breaking off diplomatic relations.

The Italian Minister in Athens, Signor Grazi, was to have left the Greek capital last night in a special train with 190 other Italians for the Yugoslavian frontier.

They were to be accompanied by an unarmed military guard. On arrival at the frontier they were to await the arrival of a special train bringing the Greek Minister, M. Politis, from Rome.

According to the Swiss wireless Switzerland is to represent Greek interests in Italy and Hungary is to represent Italian interests in Greece.

### Crossing Into Yugoslavia

The first party of Italian diplomats from Athens is expected to cross the frontier into Yugoslavia to-day, according to Rome reports.

A second party, with other members of the Italian colony in Athens, will follow.—Reuter.

### MYSORE TROOPS OFF TO WAR FRONT

ANOTHER UNIT OF THE INDIAN STATE FORCES—THE FIRST DETACHMENT OF THE MYSORE INFANTRY—IS LEAVING ITS HOME STATION FOR ACTIVE SERVICE, STATED THE MADRAS RADIO YESTERDAY.

In a farewell speech to the troops at Bangalore the Maharajah of Mysore announced a number of concessions in the matter of separation and ration allowances.

It is recalled that Spanish Moroccan troops occupied Tangier on June 14 by agreement with the International authorities.

Spain asserted the step was taken to preserve order and that the international status of the Zone would continue.

The International Zone of Tangier came into being in 1925 under an agreement between Britain, France, Spain and Italy.

The agreement provided for a complete international administration of the Zone, except as regards native affairs, which were reserved to the Sherifian authority.

### Awaiting Information

Since June 14 this year the international regime had been functioning normally.

On Sunday the British representative at Tangier was informed of the Spanish authorities' latest decision but it was understood that the Spanish military commander would maintain both the neutrality of the Zone and the international administration.

The British Government will define its attitude when further clarification is received.—Reuter.

### MR. BEVIN GIVES IT 6 MONTHS

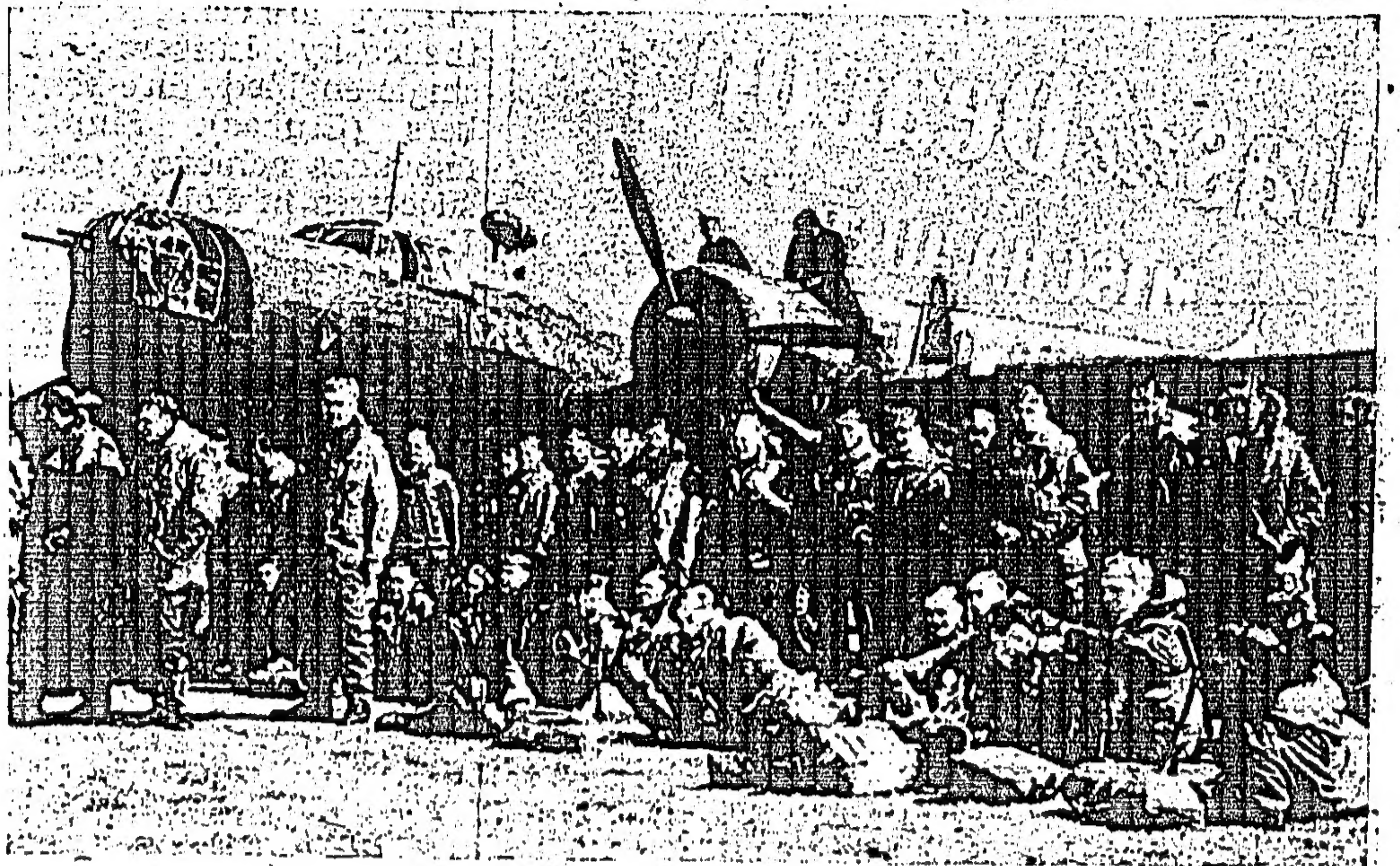
"Hitler and Mussolini are rats, and they will squeal and run directly their turn comes!" Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister for Labour and National Service, told factory workers at Rugby yesterday.

"GIVE US ANOTHER SIX MONTHS' INTENSIVE PRODUCTION AND WE SHALL HAVE PASSED GERMANY AND THE UGLY NAZI REGIME WILL CRUMBLE IN HITLER'S HANDS," DECLARED MR. ERNEST BEVIN.

"In six months," he said, "we shall have passed Germany in aircraft, ships and guns, and I venture to prophesy that immediately we have done so the world will move back to a peaceful time of reconstruction, the wiping away of privilege and to the growth of knowledge."—Reuter.

number of concessions in the matter of separation and ration allowances.

The Maharajah of Mysore, speaking to the men, told them that they were going to "take part in the great struggle for the maintenance of truth, right honour and justice against those who are seeking to impose brutal tyranny on the world."—Reuter.



Picture taken during a visit to an R.A.F. station "somewhere in Britain" shows some of the personnel who shattered the myth that Berlin is so well protected by A.A. batteries that no enemy raider could get within bombing distance. (Copyright, Fox).

### PHOTOS AS PROOF IN DIVORCE

A leading divorce lawyer dismissed as "98 per cent. impracticable" the suggestion by the Judge in Divorce, Mr. Justice Bonney, that flashlight photography should be used more in divorce evidence.

"The use of photography is theoretically flawless, but when put into practice is a very difficult and doubtful means of getting evidence," he said.

"I would like to give the Judge a camera, show him a sitter, and watch the result. I don't think he would be an advocate of photography after that."

"During the past 20 years I have used flashlight photography twice to get conclusive evidence, and once it was a dud because the flash and camera did not synchronise."

"The camera is not used at present more than once in 10,000 cases, mainly because the individuals involved do not usually wait patiently for a photograph to be taken illustrating their infidelity."

"I know of one case in which the visual evidence was conclusive, but the developed plate was a failure. During the case the evidence was given and the blank photograph produced as evidence that a picture had been taken, but the opposing solicitor immediately suggested that the evidence was invention and the photograph had been faked, because no evidence had been pictorially recorded."

"That is the danger of this method. Photography, however, might be a means of stopping the enormous amount of doubtful evidence in divorce cases. Much of the evidence submitted, though not actually invented, is well touched up."

"The use of photography might save the innocent person from evidence which, in court, seems absolutely conclusive."

### WRITING IN THE SKY

TWELVE SWEDISH JOURNALISTS HAVE JUST RETURNED TO STOCKHOLM FROM A VISIT TO BERLIN, PARIS AND BRUSSELS.

They report that travellers from Berlin to Vichy have to change trains 27 times owing to traffic difficulties.

British planes, they say, recently flew over Paris and wrote "Ouvrez! Resistance!" in the sky over the city.—Reuter.

### AIR FORCE 'PLANE MISSING

Three members of the New Zealand Air Force stationed at Ohakea are missing in a monoplane, which it is believed was forced down north of New Plymouth. A machine supposed to be the missing one was last seen flying in heavy mist and rain near the coast. Late at night the plane had not been reported.

The men aboard are Flying-Officer Harry Major, 29, single, son of the late Mr. C. T. Major, former headmaster of The King's College, Auckland; Flight-Sergeant Sheldon-Smith, 25, single, and Corporal Smith, 23, single.

### SIGRID UNSET BANNED BY NAZIS

Germany has banned the works of Sigrid Unset, the Norwegian novelist, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1928.

Miss Unset established herself as one of the outstanding Scandinavian writers of her day when she published "Jenny" in 1912. She is chiefly known to British readers, however, by "Kirstin Lavransdatter," a powerful study of Scandinavian life in the middle ages.

Sigrid Unset's son was killed during the German invasion of Norway.

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## ITALY'S NEW 'PLANES

### German Dive-Bombers

Italy's front-line forces in Egypt are being strengthened by Junkers 87B single-engined dive-bombers (Stukas). Similar machines achieved great successes in Poland and France.

These aircraft have not been recently in action against Britain. It was suggested that they might be refitted and reformed for the invasion of Britain, but now they have reappeared with the Italian forces in the Middle East.

The chief function of these dive-bombers has already been grimly and spectacularly established—it is to wipe out completely the resistance of enemy front-line troops.

The reason why the 'planes are no longer being used in the Battle for Britain is that they have to work with fighter escorts, without which they are easy victims for the British fighters, and the mass daylight raids on Britain have proved too costly.

This German move is regarded as important, and may presage a big attack on Egypt.

The Aeronautical Correspondent of the "Sunday Times," who believes that the presence of bombers in the Italian forces suggests that Italy and Germany are planning a large land and air offensive against Egypt, comments: "Now that our Air Force in the Middle East has been reinforced with the latest equipment, the success of these bombers may be no greater than that achieved against Britain."

"Nevertheless," the correspondent adds, "a major battle may be joined at any moment in Egypt, as the Italian forces press forward. Intensification of the war over England has rather overshadowed in the public mind even the Middle East, which may be leading to a climax. Those in command in Britain and Egypt have not been blind to the likely trend of operations."

Italy, it is believed, has 230 bombers and 120 fighters in Libya. Italian reinforcements can be flown safely from Sicily only at night, whereas Britain's undisputed command of the Mediterranean makes the reinforcement of Royal Air Force units relatively easy. Britain is able to draw on reserves in Palestine, Iraq, and Aden, and, as long as Italy fails to obtain a footing in Syria, the reinforcement route from India through Iraq will be undisturbed.

The British Air Force can operate against the Italian Fleet from Malta, Egypt, and Palestine, thus forcing it to run the gauntlet of air action on whatever route it takes.

On the other hand, however, Italy's main air strength is based in the Dodecanese Islands and Libya. Italy's great difficulty in trying to strengthen her air force in Eastern Africa is the problem of supplying it with essential reinforcements. This will also be Germany's difficulty.

## GROWING HOLLAND FORCES IN BRITAIN

SEVERAL HUNDRED DUTCH CONSCRIPTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 20 AND 35 HAVE LEFT LONDON FOR THE CAMP OF THE NETHERLAND LEGION, "SOMEWHERE IN GREAT BRITAIN," WHERE THEY ARE TO BE TRAINED WITH THE MOST MODERN ARMAMENT THE NETHERLAND GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BUY IN THE UNITED STATES, WRITES A DUTCH CORRESPONDENT.

This contribution by the Dutch to the Allied cause is not restricted to the Army. The Royal Dutch Navy and the Royal Dutch Air Force, both, like the Army, already on active service, are receiving their manpower as well. The men called up come partly from among the many Dutchmen resident in Great Britain before the war and partly from those who escaped from their country after the invasion.

Prince Bernhard saw the mill-tiamen off, and they responded to his cheery smile by singing the Netherlands National Anthem.

## KING'S BIRTHDAY GREETING TO LEOPOLD

King George's greetings on the anniversary of King Leopold's birthday on Sunday were presented according to custom through the Belgian Ambassador in London, says Reuter.

## GERMANY WANTS IT BOTH WAYS

By way of the Swiss Government, the British Government have received a Note from the German Government recently, writes a Diplomatic Correspondent, describing in full the uniform of their parachute troops and claiming that these troops, when captured are entitled to be treated as prisoners of war.

By a revealing accident, one of the German broadcasts during a recent news talk cut much of the ground from under the German Government's claim. The announcer referred to the recent dropping of parachutes in different parts of Great Britain. The British authorities had quickly found that they had been dropped empty, and even the German High Command declared that, in fact, no parachutists had been dropped. Undeterred by this denial, the German announcer declared: "A sinister example of British mentality was the British official denial that any parachutists had landed. In fact they did land. They are now being sheltered by the Fifth Column and are probably receiving code signals from Germany."

The German Government cannot have it both ways. Either the parachutists are dropped as uniformed soldiers or they are dropped as spies. At the moment German spokesmen claim both.

## CANADIAN AIRMEN IN ACTION

AFTER A HEAVY TIME DURING THE EVACUATION FROM FRANCE, THE CANADIAN SQUADRON OF HURRICANES WAS SENT TO A BASE IN ENGLAND TO REST AND REFORM.

The opening of the Blitzkrieg brought it immediately into action again, however, and it has been operating with great success.

## UNRULY STORK FROM THE REICH

### Nazi Or Narcissus?

Information has been laid at the police station of Tjaereborg, near Esbjerg, in Denmark, against an unruly stork which has been troubling the citizens of that district for some weeks, writes a Stockholm Correspondent.

It is reported to have come in with the Germans last spring, and for a time no exception could be taken to its behaviour. As in previous years, it—or rather, he—helped his mate to build the family nest on a suitable chimney and all went well until the eggs were being hatched. Then this head of the family flew amok and presented his long bill to, and through, the window of the next house. Smash went every pane one after another, and the stork flew back to his nest. The neighbours wondered what this outburst of temper might mean, and they wondered still more when the performance was repeated next day at another house. The stork was watched, and each morning before he broke his fast he discovered and smashed the panes of at least one window until 35 windows had been accounted for. Then the people of Tjaereborg appealed to the police for protection against this form of Blitzkrieg. The Chief of Police expressed the opinion that there was something rotten in the State of Denmark and promised to take measures to stop such going-on.

Most Tjaereborgians appear to believe the stork has not really been permanently thrown off his political balance in passing through Germany, but that the reflection of his own features in the windows impressed him with the idea that a rival was lurking there ready to invade his home. This he could not endure at the most critical period of his family life; his mind reeled, he saw red, and set about purging the vicinity of rivals threatening his living-place at the top of the ancestral chimney.

writes an Aeronautical Correspondent.

This is the only R.A.F. squadron of Canadian fighter pilots to be formed in Britain, although there are squadrons of the Royal Canadian Air Force, which were formed in Canada. Operating from Southern England, the Canadians accounted for 28 German aircraft, all very strictly confirmed, during the fighting near Dunkirk. It is known that they had good reason to claim as many again.

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## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## Nazis' 4 Voices To Britain

At least four German stations now pretend to be secret British broadcasting groups, a Diplomatic Correspondent states. Apparently the German authorities have at last become convinced that their official broadcasts in English are either boring or ridiculous. They still maintain them, but much of Goebbels's effort seems

to be devoted to the anonymous stations.

For some weeks he has been running the "New British Broadcasting Station"—a synthetic affair which specialises in being dull and out-of-date.

More lately the Germans have begun what they call the "Workers' Challenge Station"—probably a challenge to the workers to make out what the station is saying. News is given out in what is meant to be working-class idiom; all that happens is that—with careful German precision—a schoolboy's or a Billingsgate adjective is put with unfailing regularity in front of every noun. For the next station, the "Christian Peace Movement," the Germans turn easily from Billingsgate to blasphemy, freely quoting the Gospels to buttress Goebbels's campaign of the moment. The singing of a hymn usually brings the programme to a close.

Then there is "Radio Caledonia," which broadcasts supposedly depressing accounts of stocks, shares, and savings in Great Britain—clearly with the hope of appealing to the canny Scots mind.

Altogether, the day's vapourings from the Propagandaministerium have become both duller and in worse taste than before. Bremen has lost its novelty, and the Germans have devised nothing in its place.

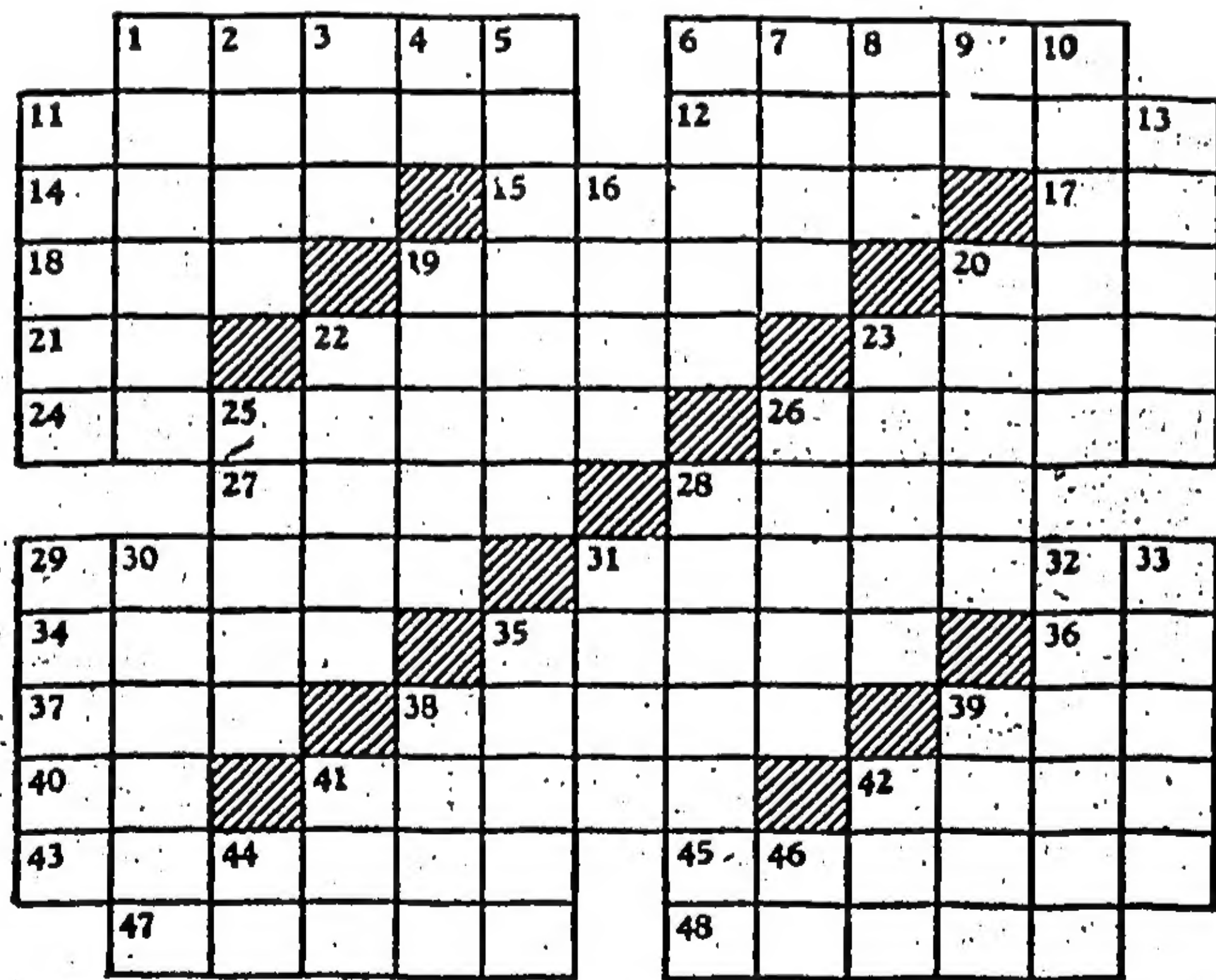
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- 11 City in Greece
- 12 To
- 14 Surpasses
- 15 Wrathful
- 17 Indo-Chinese language
- 18 To piece out
- 19 Apart
- 20 Worm
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 To pass smoothly
- 23 To release
- 24 Commands
- 26 Is afraid
- 27 Acorn-bearing tree
- 28 Vegetable
- 29 To swell
- 31 Garment makers
- 34 Firearm
- 35 Is suspended
- 36 Interjection
- 37 Siamese coin
- 38 Gateway of a Buddhist temple
- 39 Wing
- 40 Pronoun

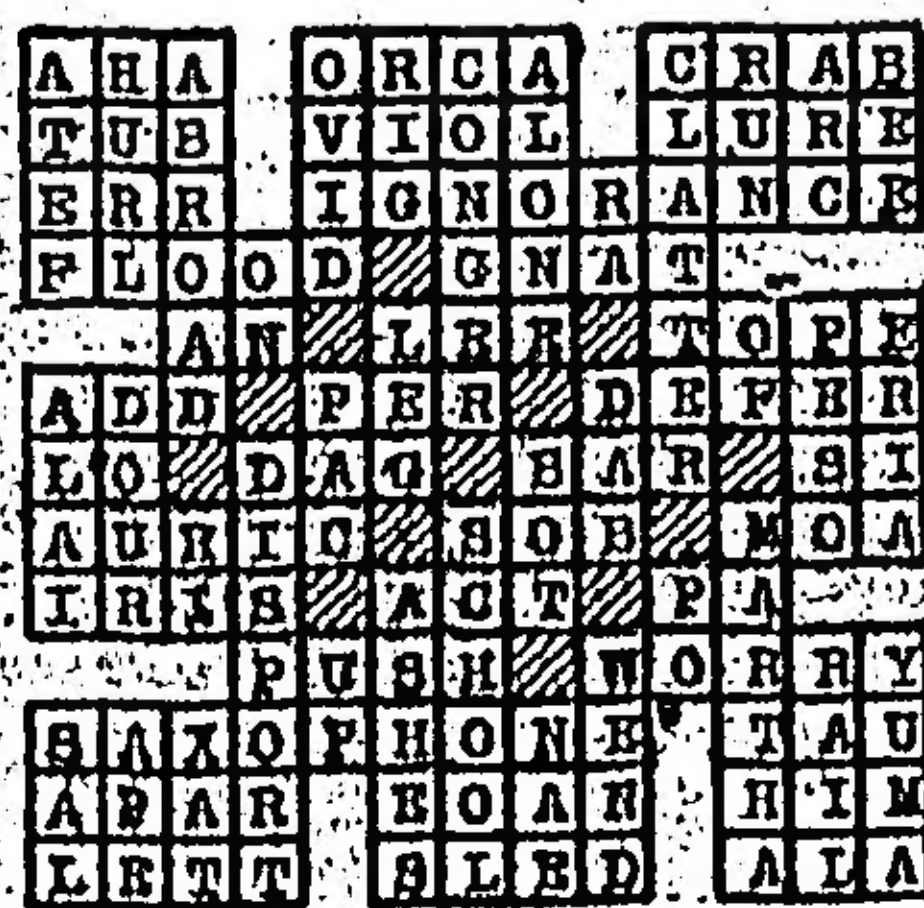
## VERTICAL

- 1 United
- 2 To bind
- 3 Bitter vetch
- 4 Latin conjunction
- 5 Dried grapes
- 6 Furlong
- 7 To bear
- 8 To be obliged to

## 9 French article

- 10 Rubber
- 11 Metric measure
- 13 Prescribed quantities of medicine
- 16 Disencumbers
- 19 Identical
- 20 Muse of lyric poetry
- 22 Urges
- 23 Thinks
- 25 Junction
- 26 To pretend
- 28 Tropical fruits
- 29 Once more
- 30 Churned milk
- 31 Ancient capital of Ireland
- 32 Swayed from side to side
- 33 One-horse vehicles
- 35 Navajo hut
- 36 Brain membrane
- 38 Handle
- 41 To blossom
- 42 To lubricate
- 44 To exist
- 45 Sun god

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## BOMBING A BERLIN GASWORKS

## A Pilot's Experience

A flying officer in one of our heavy bomber squadrons described in a broadcast in the B.B.C. Home Service the scene which followed the bombing of a large gas works during a recent raid on military objectives in Berlin. He said:—

We got a certain amount of anti-aircraft fire on the way out, but nothing remarkable. By the time we arrived there were already a lot of aircraft buzzing about, and flares were dropping all over the place. One could pick out streets and railways, small parks, and places like that.

Over the city the guns were letting off at us, pretty heavily, but we were not hit. We found our target without any difficulty. It was a gas-generating plant only a few miles from the centre of Berlin. Someone else had started two fires in the north-east corner of it and we ran up from west to east. My second pilot was flying the aircraft and I was doing the bomb-aiming. By this time we were down to 8,000ft. and I could clearly see the outside of the works.

Perhaps I ought just to explain here, very briefly, how the bombing is done. The bomb-aimer is lying flat on his face in the nose of the aircraft, looking down through a large glass panel which takes the place of the floor. Allowances have to be made on the bomb sight for the speed and direction of the wind, the height and speed of the aircraft, and so on. Then, when the target comes in line with the pointers on the fore and back sight, the bomb-aimer presses the firing switch—and down they go.

## Terrific Sight

On this occasion when the bombs burst there were four huge explosions across the works. I think that the first one must have hit a gasometer; so far as I could see there was no other explanation for what happened.

There was a violent eruption upwards and outwards. It reminded me of a scene on the films. The first four large explosions were followed by a series of smaller explosions.

Two huge fires started and great tongues of flame leaped up—I estimated that they must have been rising to 1,500ft.—then dense clouds of smoke began to pour out. It was the most terrific sight I have ever seen. The bombs had fallen about 50 yards apart. Almost immediately the fires and explosions seemed to link up, and for a distance of 200 yards through the works there was this great mass of flames.

Next I saw our incendiaries falling on the western edge of the plant. They take longer to get down than the heavy bombs. What part of the works they hit I don't know, but I could see large clusters of brilliant coloured flashes on the ground. In the light of the explosions I had seen momentarily two long buildings and a tower. Then the aircraft passed over and I could not see any more from the front, but the rear gunner said he saw one of the buildings collapse in flames.

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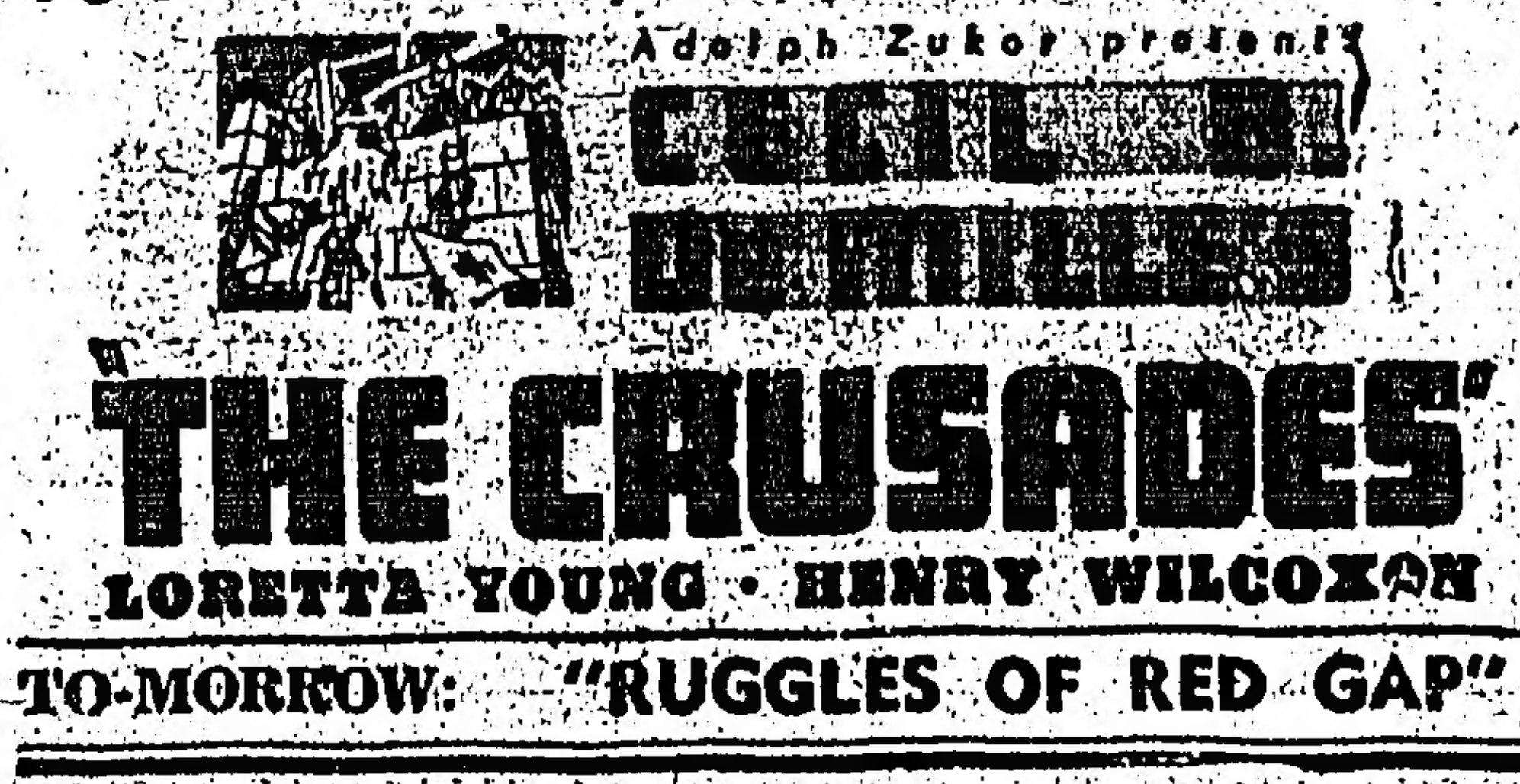
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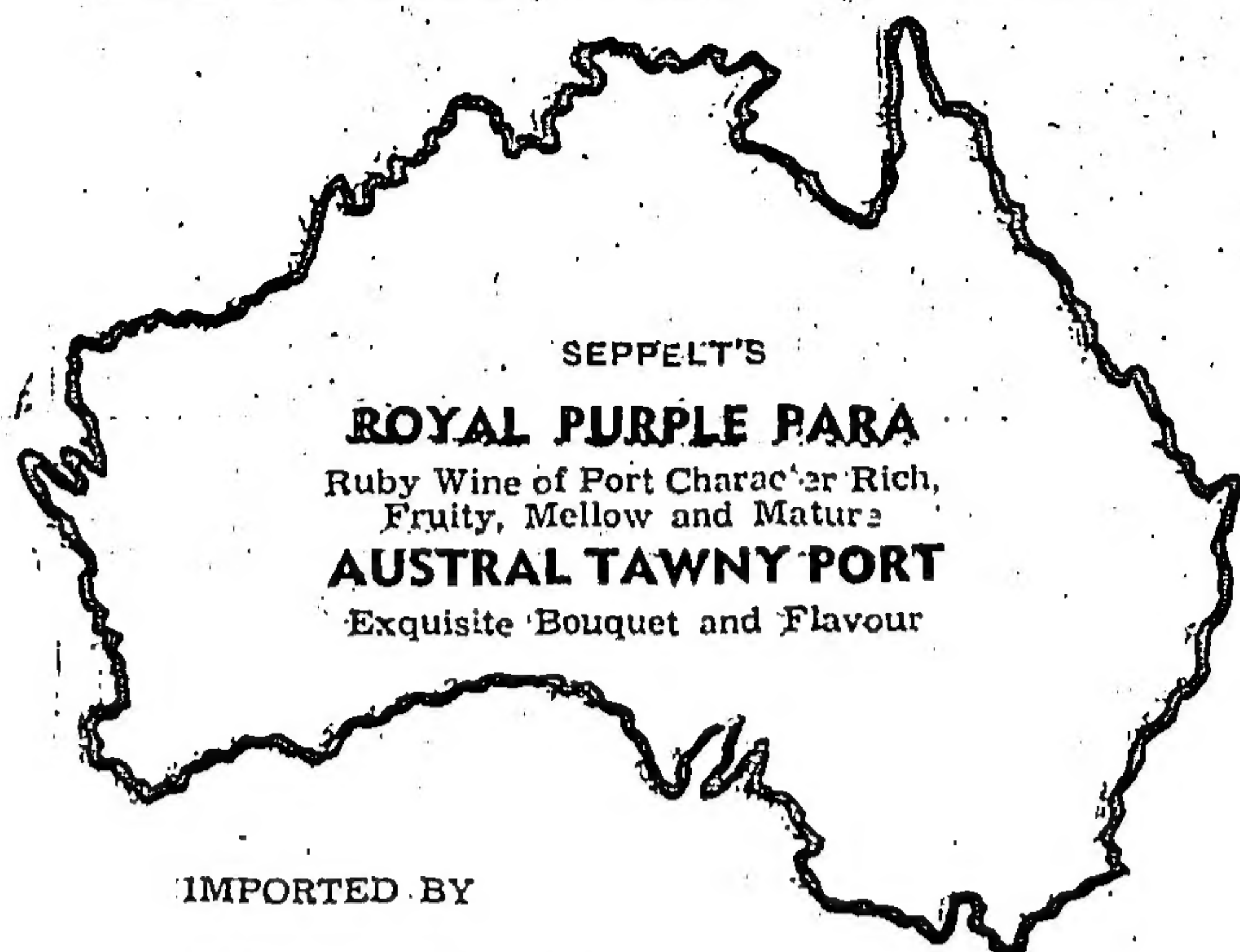
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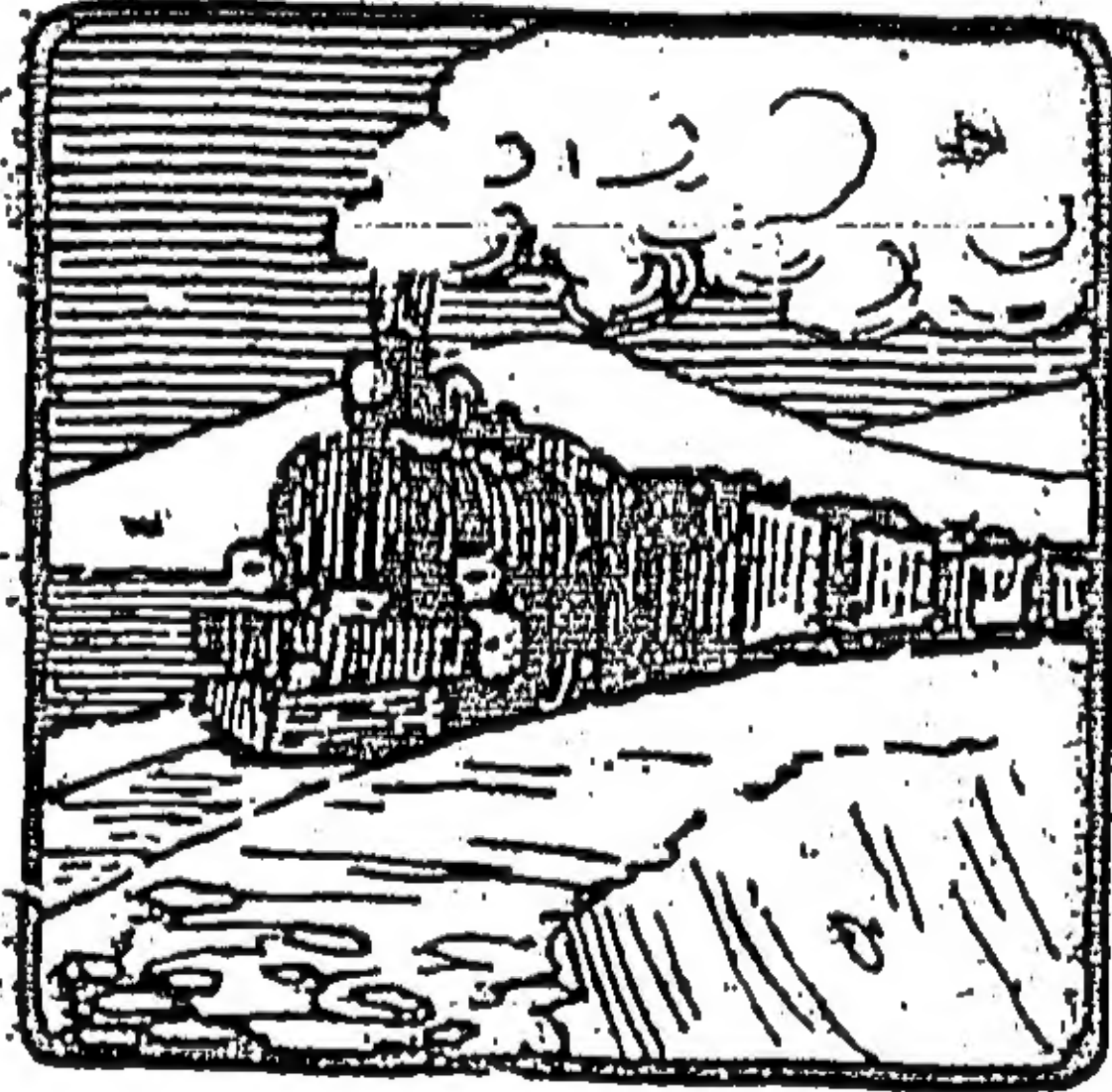
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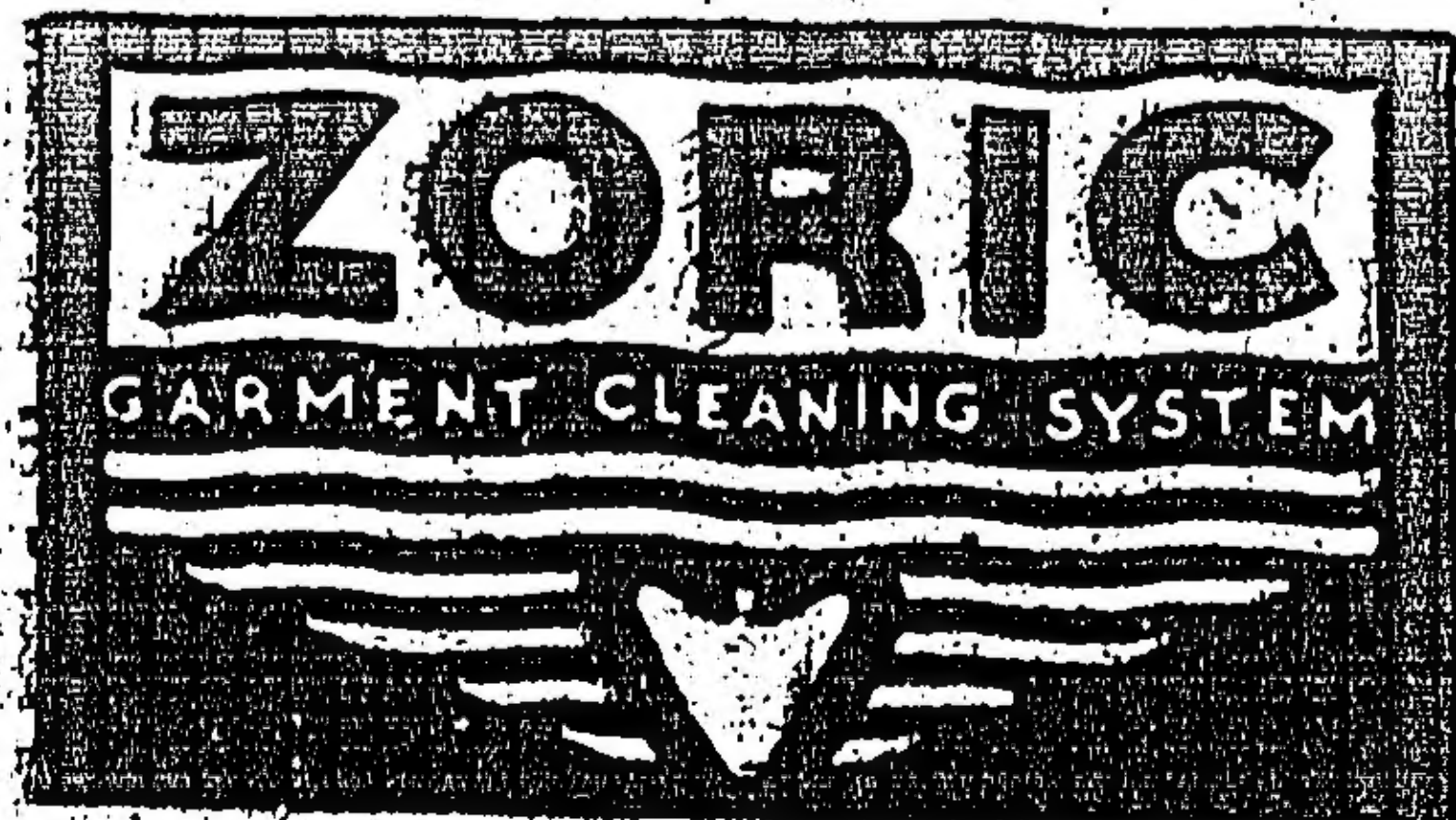
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# NEW PHASE IN THE GERMAN WAR OF NERVES

A POINT OF IMPORTANCE in the development of the war appeared after the failure of the massed aerial attacks some days earlier. It was the inauguration of "a war of nerves."

The phrase is one of the enemy's own invention which has been translated into every tongue and has taken this form in English. It signifies a form of attrition: the wearing down of an opponent by the gradual destruction of his morale before actual contact between large armed bodies takes place.

It is certain that this weapon was not intended to be final by our present enemies; and this for two reasons—it would require far too much time to be decisive even if there were any chance of its being so and it has proved in the past elsewhere to have an action not only too prolonged but desultory.

### A New Weapon

But though obviously neither decisive nor sufficiently restricted in time, it has its importance. It has appeared in modern warfare (under the guidance of the enemy general staff) as a sort of new weapon, and when any new weapon appears it is our first duty, after the comprehension of the enemy mind, to comprehend the nature of that weapon; for only when we know it can it be countered.

There would seem to be two departments of this form of psychological pressure: (1) the material situation on either side: the comparative immunity of each from the effects of fear, whether on account of his geographical position or his superior armament; (2) the intrinsic nature of the manoeuvre—that is, the lines along which it is compelled to move by the motives and methods at work in the use of it.

### The Decisive Force

In the case of a war of nerves we begin and long remain at a disadvantage in the first of these departments, because the enemy has round him a ring of territory which is occupied by his armies but not inhabited by his own people. In other words, we can only attack his native territory at long range; he can attack ours at very short range. He has no superiority in armament proper. On the contrary, in one main form of armament, that of the air, he has already shown a distinct inferiority. But he has a superiority in numbers by land and by air as against his inferiority by sea.

The geographical advantage he enjoys by the remoteness of his territory and its protection under a belt of territory and population other than his own may well continue till nearly the end of the struggle. On the other hand, the numerical advantage he enjoys, though it will continue in the matter of land forces and be there almost overwhelming, will not continue in the matter of air force. And the latter is, if invasion fails, the decisive and determining thing in this conflict in the long run. We are building faster than he is, we can import from a large field. If the race continues upon these lines the ultimate preponderance of our air power is assured.

### British Advantage

In the second of the two departments, the intrinsic nature of a "war of nerves," we notice two main points. First, that such a pressure is exerted upon two separate bodies, the mass of civilian life and the organised armed forces. Second, that the pressure works by cumulative effect; that is, it hopes to be successful by the added shocks and sufferings inflicted upon an opponent.

Now this country possesses here a special advantage over those which the enemy has hitherto over-run: an advantage which may be the direct product of insular conditions coupled with superiority at sea but is not immediately connected with those conditions.

Our advantage lies in the fuller preparation which we now enjoy. As against this, there is, of course, the delay in armament; but, considering a war of nerves alone, this factor of preparation is of the highest value.

We have been fully warned. We have fully envisaged the peril and we have steadily accumulated our moral and material defences for the meeting of it. This is especially remarkable in the irregular forces developed—the forces which, though armed, are not organised as permanent military units. At first the enemy threatened to apply to these his time-honoured doctrine of military execution as it was carried out during the war of 1870 against the French franc-tireurs and was threatened against the Norwegians some months ago and is being threatened even as we write against the Dutch. But after a brief consideration the enemy abandoned his thesis of general massacre in the case of the British. Our voluntary organisation had gone too far in extent and training for the threat to be safely continued.

### The Enemy's Strain

Let us never forget, whenever we consider the war of nerves, that the enemy, in spite of his advantages, especially his material advantages of distance and number, is more vulnerable than we. He also is under a strain within his own society, and looks forward with apprehension to the future. He excels in tenacity under conditions of full military organisation, as the whole history of the Prussian army proves. But that history equally proves that he does not excel in fighting against odds after defeat begins. Indeed, he has hardly ever undertaken the task. When he breaks he crumbles.

## CREW OF BOMBER SAVED

### Adrift in Dinghy For 84 Hours

DESPITE GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT THE RESCUE, COASTAL COMMAND PLANES AND WARSHIPS SAVED THE CREW OF A BRITISH BOMBER WHO HAD BEEN ADRIFT IN THE NORTH SEA IN A RUBBER DINGHY FOR 84 HOURS.

Hudson and Anson aircraft were sent out every hour from dawn to dusk for three and a half days in an attempt to locate the dinghy and guide warships to it. German planes continually attempted to interfere, making it necessary for fighters to be sent out on protective patrols.

The British planes three times saw the dinghy tossing in heavy seas. It was bitterly cold.

It was impossible to keep the dinghy under observation for longer than five minutes at a time. A parcel of comforts was dropped at the end of the first day, but those in the dinghy were unable to recover it. They picked up a second parcel, however, on the third day.

Warships eventually picked up the survivors, who had drifted 70 miles.

## REMINDER OF OUR POWER

It is impossible to over-rate the importance of the information about Admiral Cunningham's recent operations in the Mediterranean. Both in the Admiralty bulletin and in one or two guarded sentences in the Prime Minister's review of the position there are clear indications that we have seized the initiative in that theatre of war and that all the circumstances are favourable.

First, one must note the Prime Minister's disclosure that "a few days ago we found it possible almost to double the effective strength of our fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean by sending some of our most modern and powerful vessels to reinforce the flag of Sir Andrew Cunningham." It will not be beyond the capacity of the Italian General Staff to deduce the nature of these reinforcements. That we should be able to spare units of that strength from service in the North Sea must, surely, be the clearest possible indication that we have no fear of our ability to cope with any sea-borne invasion plans of Hitler.

### Stream Of Convoys

A second most significant disclosure came in the Premier's brief phrase "We have not hesitated to send a stream of convoys of reinforcements to the Middle East." Stoppage of our normal commercial traffic through the Mediterranean has created an impression that we were unable to move any traffic there. This is a complete misapprehension of the position. On two or three occasions Admiralty bulletins have contained references to the safe passage of military convoys from Gibraltar to Alexandria. The operations of the past week were partly concerned with more movement of that kind, but they have a deeper significance still.

It is to be noted that Sir Andrew Cunningham's main force and a subsidiary squadron working in the western basin, which may possibly still be commanded by Admiral Sir James Somerville, who was in control of the operations at Oran, have for a period of six days operated freely throughout the 2,000 miles between Gibraltar and Alexandria and have undertaken offensive operations against Italian shore bases without serious challenge.

The British Mediterranean Fleet, in fact, has demonstrated to the whole world that it is the dominating influence throughout both the eastern and western basins of the Mediterranean and that it can ensure for our military authorities the free use of that waterway for the transport of any expeditionary force that it is desired to move into that arena.

### Attack On Bases

The offensive operations against Rhodes and Scarpanto (or Karpathos) have more psychological than strategical importance. They will have considerable effect on opinion in Turkey and the Middle East generally, for the Italian propaganda machine has steadily built up a legend of the immense importance of these islands and the great military strength that they give Italy. The legend is baseless and the Sydney and the Orion have exposed the weakness of the Italian position. Such advance bases can be utilised only by a Power which has sea control. Without it they are hostages to fortune, as we showed time and again in the West Indies and in the Indian Ocean in the old wars against Spain and France.

### GIRL MUST BE INDOORS BY 9

When 17-year-old Priscilla Whiteman, a machinist, of Alexandra Road, Norwich, was put on probation for two years at Norwich for stealing a bicycle, she was ordered to be indoors every night by 9 p.m. unless she was with her mother.

The girl was alleged to have told a police constable that, being unemployed, she stole the bicycle to go in search of a job, and afterwards sold the machine.



# CHINA MAIL

## "PUNCTUALITY"

Apparently Dr. Joe Goebbels has not yet despaired of his "war of nerves"; the art and practice of "talking big" is again in full swing in the German press over the terrifying consequences of the Dictators' meeting. The Berlin "Borsen Zeitung" is particularly formidable — on paper. "The decisions taken," we are told, "will take effect with clock-like punctuality and the irresistible force of an elemental phenomenon." But it will be noticed that no time-table has been issued to the German citizens patiently waiting in their air-raid shelters; there will, therefore, be no opportunity of checking the "clock-like punctuality" of the impending operations. Considering how exceedingly unpunctual Adolf the All-Terrible was in his various schedules for invading England and taking up his residence at Buckingham Palace, there is much to be said for a little vagueness.

The "irresistible force of an elemental phenomenon" makes a pretty good mouthful, but it is by no means sure that it is, in the circumstances, an altogether happy one. About the most obvious "elemental phenomenon" whose "irresistible force" can be calculated in advance is the tides — and those at once turn the mind to thoughts of the Channel and gales and barges and bombs and British Navies and all sorts of things that seem to be far beyond the control of the German general staffs.

However, Dr. Joe and his minions, in indulging in these large and semi-scientific threats, can certainly plead that they are exploiting a good old German custom. Even in the days of Bismarck German newspapers used a professorial approach to the fee-fo-fi-fum business of terrifying their opponents. There was a famous case in 1870 which left most of the languages of Europe with a phrase the origin of which is now almost entirely forgotten. In discussing the impending bombardment of Paris the "Kreuz-Zeitung" had argued that one of the things that would have to be allowed for in timing the assault and producing the maximum effect on French citizens would be "das psychologische Moment," which actually meant the psychological momentum or factor. Frivolous French journalists seized eagerly on this new

The reconstruction of Mr. Churchill's Ministry may well remind those of us who have long, or longish, political memories of the great administrative shake-up which made history 24 years ago.

In December, 1916, Mr. Lloyd George became Prime Minister, with the enthusiastic approval of a great majority of the nation, and proceeded at once to transform entirely the organisation of the supreme executive authority.

To look back upon the work of reform that followed is to realise anew how much the country owed to its author. Things that seemed only natural at the outbreak of this war were unheard of then. There had been no War Cabinet until Mr. Lloyd George created the first one, consisting of, besides himself, Mr. Bonar Law, as leader of the Conservative party, Mr. Henderson, as a representative of Labour, and Lord Milner, as the possessor of administrative talents of the first order—a new recruit who had in his time been branded by the new Prime Minister as a "prancing pro-consul."

Their average age was 56. None of them had departmental duties, because these, it was thought, might have interfered with their concentration on the work of supreme direction of the war effort. Lord Milner and Mr. Henderson were, indeed, Ministers without portfolio of any kind.

Mr. Churchill, it is clear, has decided that this was a principle that had not proved its usefulness. His new War Cabinet, now enlarged from six members to eight, includes but three Ministers

example of the German passion for "talking big." Unfortunately, they mis-translated the German noun and made fun of the phrase as meaning the "psychological moment" of time. The combination of German pedantry and French vivacity in the matter of mistranslation has ever since left Europe with an imposing phrase which, strictly speaking, means next to nothing at all—in which, of course, it resembles many of the all-Nordic efforts of Dr. Joe Goebbels himself.

so unencumbered — Mr. Attlee, Mr. Greenwood and Sir John Anderson. The rest, headed by Mr. Churchill himself, who func-

## By E. C. Bentley

tions as Minister of Defence in addition to carrying the Premiership, are the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Minister of Labour, and the Minister of Aircraft Production. Their average age is 59½.

### To-day's Additional Ministries

Consider, again, the Departments of State which now are accepted as ordinary and indispensable features of our system of administration. Before Mr. Lloyd George came upon the scene there was no Minister of Transport; there was no Air Minister; there was no Minister of Labour; there was no Minister of Food; no Minister of Shipping; no Minister of Pensions; no Minister of National Service; no Minister of Blockade — or as the title now runs, of Economic Warfare; no Ministry of Supply. A number of Parliamentary Secretariats, since found to be indispensable for the working of their Departments, had not been established.

Mr. Churchill and his predecessors in office since the end of Mr. Lloyd George's tenure of power have been the inheritors of a vast new administrative apparatus which could be, at need, turned over immediately to the tasks of war on the great scale. For this we have indeed reason to be thankful, for the kind of warfare initiated by the Nazi Government of Germany has left us little time for the initiating of new departments in the business of government.

Yet such departures there have been. Most notable and successful in the Ministry of Aircraft Production. There is the Ministry of Home Security, combined at present with the Home Secretaryship. There is the new-born Ministry of Works and Buildings, added to the responsibilities of the First Commissioner of Works. And there is, of course, the Ministry of Information, often a target for bitter criticism, but certainly indispensable in some form for the discharge of its proper functions.

Mr. Lloyd George it was who broke with a tradition held sacred until then by introducing into the high places of Government men who were without experience of or taste for political life; men chosen for their proved ability in

business administration. There were representatives of railways, textiles, coal, hardware, chemicals, newspapers, oil, margarine and sugar.

### Many Spheres

At the Admiralty was Sir Eric Geddes, fresh from railway management. His brother, Sir Auckland, of McGill University, who crossed as a member of the Canadian forces, became Minister of National Service, and Lord Rhondda, whose main experience lay in the Welsh coalfields, was made Minister of Health. Lord Weir was drawn from the engineering trade to be the first Air Minister, and Lord Rothermere was the second. Lord Cowdray, whose interests were in the engineering and oil industries, was given the separate post of President of the Air Board.

Lord Beaverbrook had his first experience of office as Chancellor of the Duchy. Lord Devonport, chairman of the Port of London Authority, was Minister of Food. Sir J. P. Maclay was the first Minister of Shipping — his own province — and Sir S. H. Lever shared with Mr. Stanley Baldwin the duties of Financial Secretary to the Treasury. All these were appointments of the new order, and some were brilliantly successful.

For the carrying on of the present war the Government's net has not been cast so widely. But Mr. Churchill has among his colleagues Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, who has spent his life in the direction of a great retail trading concern; Lord Hankey, who has been in the secrets of a number of Cabinets, but never in politics, holds an advisory post as Chancellor of the Duchy; Sir John Reith, called to office from the headship of Imperial Airways, is now translated by Mr. Churchill to the newly-created position of Minister of Works and Buildings — and assuredly a Herculean labour awaits him.

Lord Beaverbrook, one of the leading figures in the newspaper world, has been an answer to prayer, as Americans say, in the Ministry of Aircraft Production. All these are men whom the war-emergency has brought into office, and whose services the country could ill have spared.

If we come to consider the picture of politics, the atmosphere of public life as it was in the days of the Lloyd George War Ministry and as it is now, the contrast is striking indeed. To-day there is an organised Opposition; no, nor an unorganised one.

### National Unity Then And Now

We have as Prime Minister a statesman who has had enemies enough in his stormy career; where is there one to-day? His great predecessor of the last war — to whose genius Mr. Churchill has borne telling tribute — was hated from first to last by many who could not clear their minds of the vapour of party vindictiveness. The "sniping" of his Government by an impotent but vocal opposition was among the most depressing features of Parliamentary life in those days.

There was bitter fighting over matters, such as Conscription, which in these times a people schooled in the necessities of war has accepted with eagerness, as a matter of course. There was a not inconsiderable body of opinion that clamoured for "stopping the war" long before a decision in our favour was even in distant prospect.

Never in all our history has there been a time when it could be said, as it can be to-day, that the nation was of a single mind upon a life-and-death public issue, and looked unanimously upon the head of the Government as the right man in the right place.

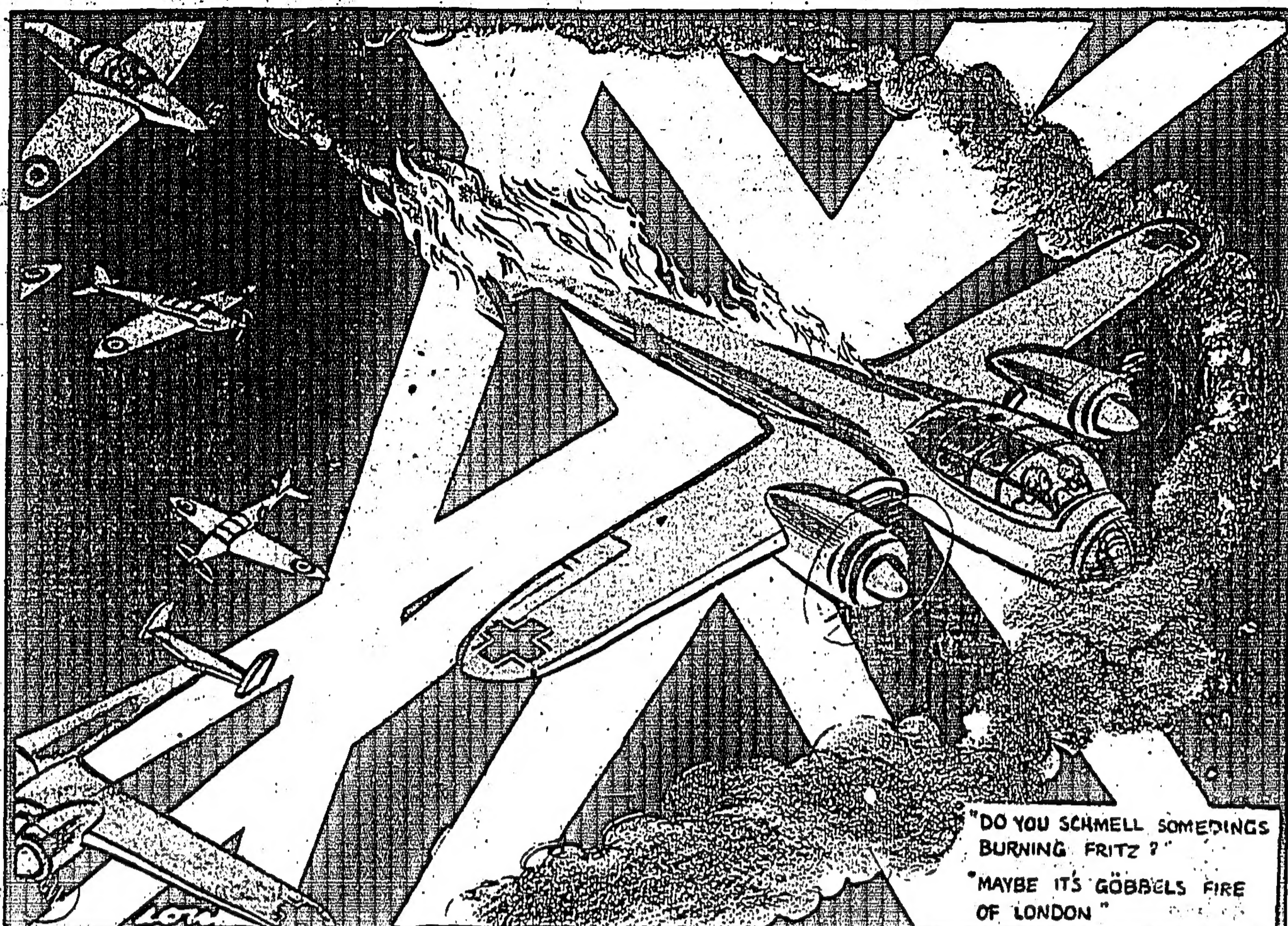
Moreover, over all our public life in 1916 brooded the spectre of Irish disaffection, with all its promise of miseries and horrors soon to come; a prospect, to sicken the hearts of those who had enough to grasp of the situation to foresee even a part of the outcome. Whatever view may be taken of the condition of affairs in that country nowadays, we are at least free of that permanent anxiety.

### The Premier's Greatest Hour

When Mr. Churchill took office he told his countrymen, in an address that few of them will ever forget, that Britain would continue the war against barbarism "if necessary for years, if necessary alone."

There were not many who shared his knowledge of the fatal facts on which that grim intimation was founded. But when the worst had happened there was but a single will throughout the nation — to support to the very last the leadership that had not flinched from warning them of impending calamity and peril and hardship.

Mr. Churchill has waited many years for his hour: it has come to him now with a fulness of honour that the greatest and most fortunate of statesmen known to history well might envy.

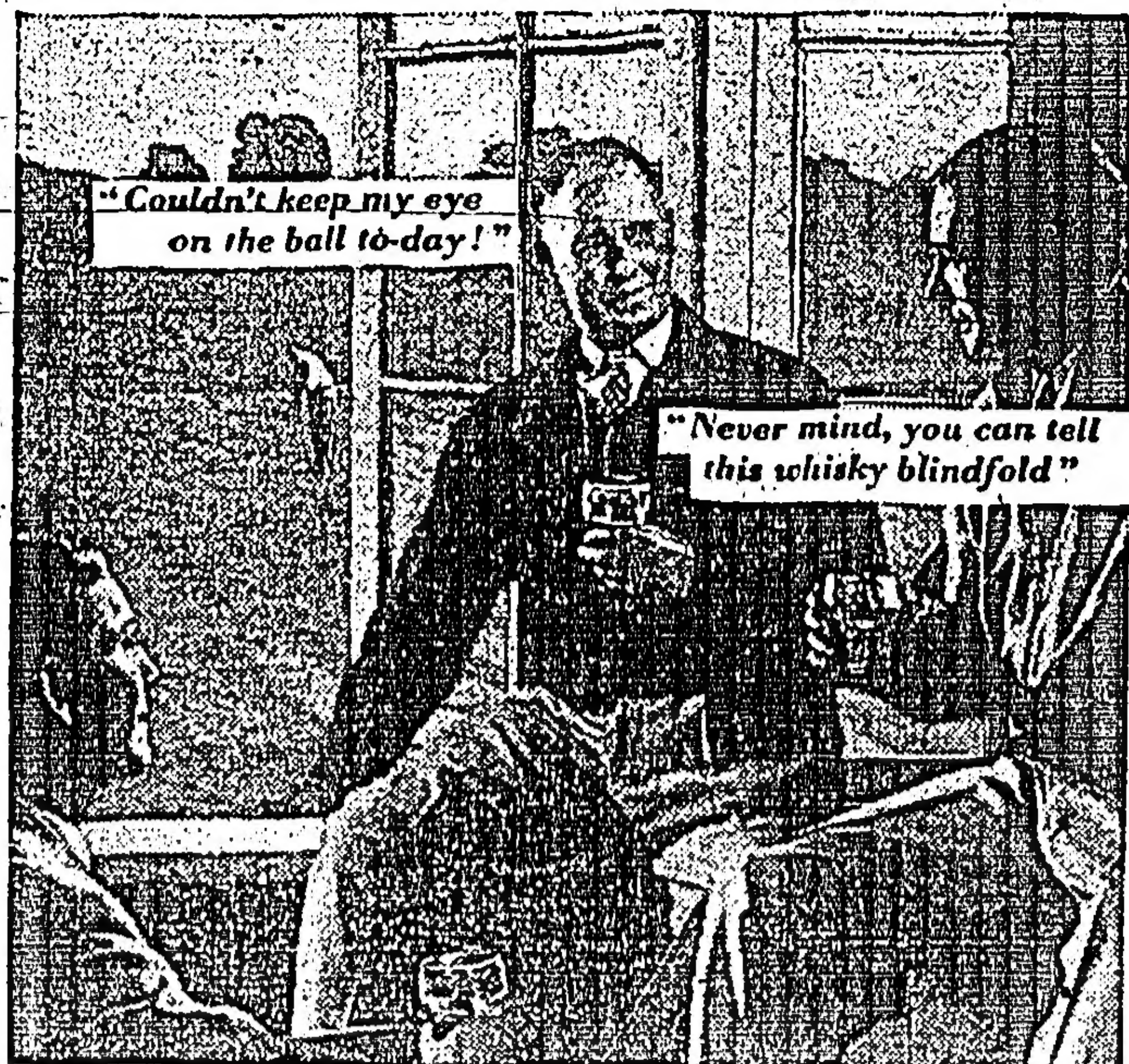


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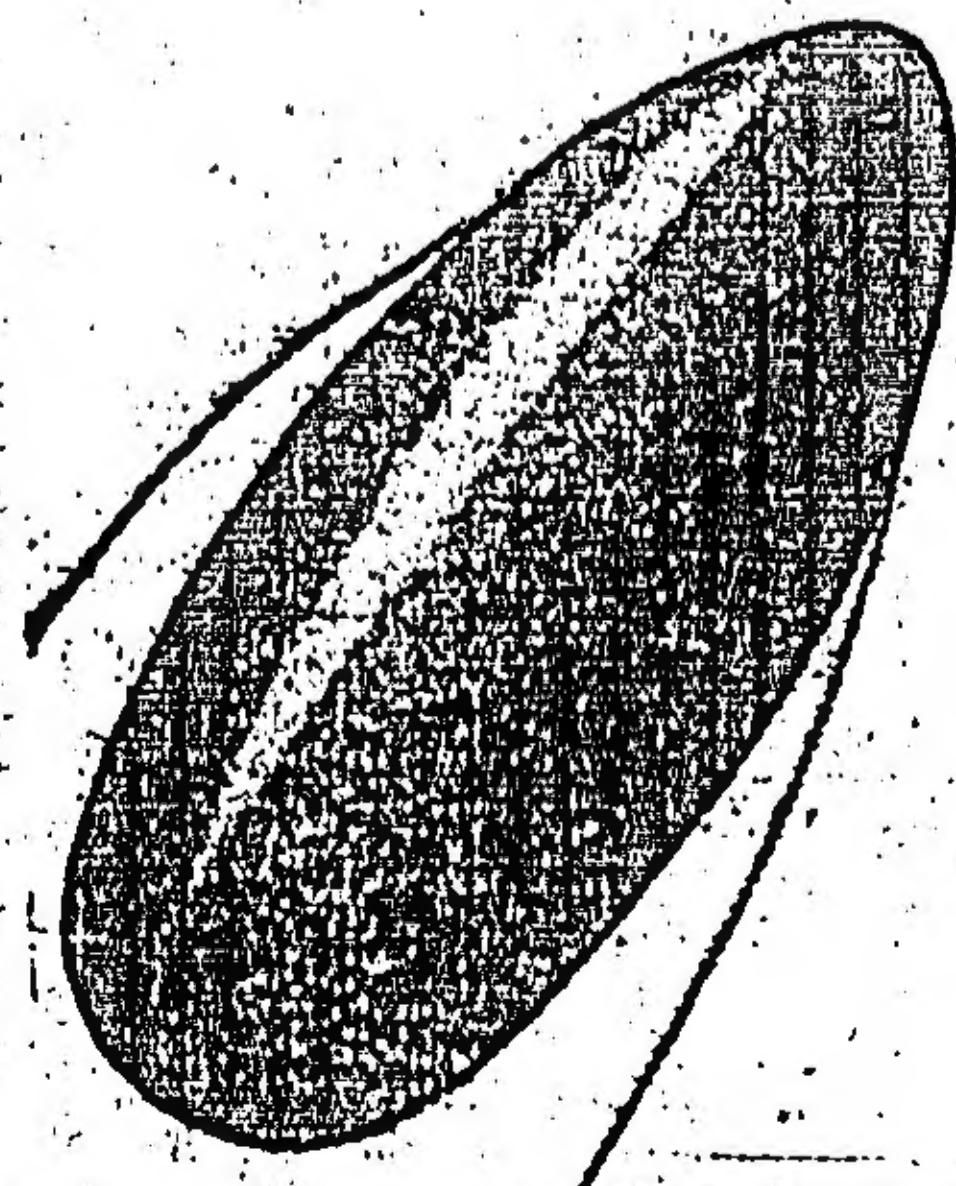
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# INSPIRING HOME GUARD STORY

THE STORY of the growth of the Home Guard may be told in the future as one of the most inspiring of the war.

Several weeks ago the Guard did not exist. Today the name connotes a million and a half men, divided into zones and groups, battalions, companies, platoons, and sections, led by experienced soldiers, bristling with expert shots, and secure in the esteem of the Regular Army.

All the Guards now have rifles. Soon every man will have his denim overalls or battle dress. They are to be given steel helmets with eye shades, greatcoats, and service respirators. Regular soldiers are drilling them. They will have special instruction in machine-gun, mortar, and anti-tank technique.

Within less than four months an entirely new and already soundly based force has been born in Britain, and although for the moment recruiting has been suspended the supply of men—age-limits seventeen and sixty-five—is very far from exhausted. Space is to be provided at Hurlingham Polo Ground for a new training school, intended primarily for Home Guard members in the London area and the home counties. It will be run on the same lines as that at Osterley Park, where members from all over the country are being trained.

A few days ago the Home Guard brought down its first aircraft. In various places its members have arrested crashed German airmen. There is competence here as well as enthusiasm. The authorities have made sure that every man is physically fit—a wise precaution—and the Guard is well led by commanders of whom many have had distinguished experience in the Regular Army.

### Sir H. Gough's Suggestion

General Sir Hubert Gough raised an important point in a letter to "The Times." Referring to Mr. Eden's statement that there are to be "no commissioned or non-commissioned ranks" in the Home Guard, Sir Hubert pointed out "the extreme danger of such a decision," arguing that the exercise of leadership in battle and of ordinary discipline cannot be enforced in any military unit without a properly constituted body of officers and N.C.O.s.

To this argument General Sir Alexander Godley, himself a platoon commander, replied that although he, his company commander, and section leaders were not known by any military rank and were not conscious of being commissioned or non-commissioned, the "chain of command" seemed to work very well.

The point will be much debated. But the Home Guard has so firm a backbone of ex-Regular soldiers that its discipline, if not of the rigid pipeclay-and-polish variety, is good enough to inspire belief in the effective working of the force.

It has been pointed out that the principle of leadership is recognised fully, that the leaders, their titles and badges are respected as in any other force, and that the Guard is not likely to suffer in the way Sir Hubert fears.

### The Molotoff Cocktail

The Home Guard is rapidly increasing and strengthening its co-operation with the Regular Army. Its members, who might have to bear the first stab of an invasion, are being taught to hold and harass the enemy, to hunt down tanks, and to use such weapons as machine-guns, mortars, and the remarkably disturbing Molotoff cocktail.

In effect, the "cocktails" are similar to those used in the Russo-Finnish war and also in the Spanish civil war. They are calculated, when well aimed, to reduce a tank to a flaming ruin in a few seconds.

The military instructors are coaching selected numbers of the Guard in many forms of modern warfare. The men also learn map-reading and the elements of scouting.

## NEUTRALS CAN TOUR DAMAGED AREA

In contrast with the restrictions imposed by the Nazis on neutral journalists in Berlin, journalists of neutral countries in Britain enjoy almost complete freedom of movement when visiting districts which have been bombed by the enemy.

They are not shepherded into conducted parties as in Germany, where they are allowed to see only that which the authorities permit them to see. Neutral journalists working in Britain carry special Press certificates which have been issued to them.

In London the production of this certificate enables the holder to go wherever he likes to make an independent investigation after a raid.

In the case of areas which have been declared prohibited areas in a legal sense, the procedure is for the neutral journalist to get in touch with the chief constable for the area. The latter arranges for him to receive a permit to circulate in that area and go where he likes.

## PARIS UNDER NAZIS, IS WORLD'S DARKEST CITY

AFTER HOLDING for many decades the undisputed title of the "City of Light," Paris is now probably the darkest capital, for the German authorities have decreed that residents must observe with the strictest care the black-out regulations, and add "no negligence will be tolerated."

Curfew hour, writes a special correspondent, who has just returned from Paris, has been fixed at 9 p.m., and after that hour any person found in the streets will be arrested and detained at the police station for the night.

Although a number of leading cinemas are now open again, they show mainly programmes of a pronounced pro-Nazi flavour. All British and American films are strictly barred, as well as foreign news reels.

### Boxer Absent

Most visitors to Paris know the Bar Carpentier, the cocktail bar run by Georges Carpentier the boxer. This bar is now open, but under the direction of a manager as Georges himself has not yet returned, but is still at Vichy engaged in a match to the finish with Jean Borotra, the French tennis ace.

The object of the match, so far as Carpentier is concerned, is to gain funds to continue his maintenance of a number of his old sparring partners who are now without means of support. It is learned in Paris that the air route between Marseilles and

## WORLD'S BEST AIR SHELTER

Ramsgate has, in the words of Mr. H. R. Knickerbocker, the famous American journalist, "the best air-raid shelter in the world." To this he attributes the light casualty list when 50 bombers swooped on the town, dropping 500 bombs in 4½ minutes, and damaging nearly a thousand houses.

The experience of this residential seaside town is reviving the controversy about the wisdom or otherwise of deep air-raid shelters.

Many London boroughs, Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle, Dover, Southport and a host of other authorities tried before the war to get the Government to sanction schemes for shelters in business and thickly populated areas which would be so deep that they would give absolute security. The Home Office declared generally against these schemes on the ground that it was impracticable to provide sufficient deep shelters to which the people would have access during raids.

The Ramsgate scheme was twice rejected (when it was first put forward it was declared to be "premature"), but the council submitted it a third time and pressed it so strongly that the Government approved it in March of last year.

Now the shelter is in almost daily use. It has accommodation for 60,000 people (nearly double the peace-time population), has 23 entrances which can be reached in four to five minutes from any of the main parts of the town.

It is nearly three miles long and is cut through the chalk under the central part of the town, its galleries, 80ft. below ground, are brightly lighted. It has its own generating station in case the town electrical supply fails, first-aid posts equipped with all medical necessities, and a system of loud-speakers to relay wireless programmes and announcements.

Ramsgate owes this shelter to the persistence of its council, who succeeded where other authorities failed, and to its geological advantages which minimised the engineering difficulties.

Laval, vice-president of the Petain Government, has just passed four days in Paris, during which he had general conferences with German authorities there, and had a discussion with Abetz.

It is reported that the emoluments for Secretaries General appointed through Vichy by the law of July 15 amount to no less than 150,000 francs a year.

### Car Ban

The Journal Officiel publishes a decree that civil and military cars can only be used on obtaining a special authorisation. This permit is only granted for uses judged to be indispensable, for continuing important public services, and particularly the distribution of food and provisions.



# FOUGHT FIRES WHILE BOMBS FELL

IN BETWEEN air raids shopkeepers in London's bombed areas were doing a roaring trade — even though some of them had only half a shop left, and much of their stock had been ruined. The anxiety of housewives to get in food for the next day before another warning sounded accounted for the exceptionally heavy morning trade.

A communique issued by the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security announced: — "Enemy attacks during last night were dispersed over many parts of the country. Reports indicate that although a considerable number of enemy aircraft were engaged they did not cause heavy damage.

High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in the London area, apparently haphazardly. Damage was done to houses and buildings in residential districts. Some casualties have been reported.

There were a number of casualties, nine fatal, in the Midlands town that was bombed.

Six H. E. bombs fell on a working-class quarter, demolishing several houses.

Nine people, including seven small children, standing at the doorway of their home, had a remarkable escape. When a bomb scored a direct hit on an adjoining house they were thrown backwards by the blast and blown partly upstairs.

A man, woman and child lie dead in the mortuary of one London hospital. A little boy who had his skull fractured by a bomb splinter is not expected to recover. His mother, who is also the mother of a girl who was killed, is a patient in the same hospital.

Three more bodies recovered from ruined houses are in a mortuary of an adjoining district.

In the house which suffered the main force, a married couple and their adult daughter were buried under the wreckage.

## Council Flats Hit

A North London area suffered badly during the night raids. Many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

A block of Council flats was hit, but most of the occupants were sheltering. Those who remained in their homes, however, escaped serious injury.

Incendiary bombs lit up the district. Bricks fell in the grounds

## ITALY'S SECRET WEAPON

A bomb which is a combination of a hand grenade and a miniature magnetic mine and which resembles in shape and size a vacuum flask is being dropped in hundreds from Italian 'planes upon the Western Desert and Egypt.

The bombs are called "Mussolini's secret weapon," and they go off at the slightest touch.

The "Sunday Despatch's" correspondent in the Western Desert says that every morning the British forces find the desert littered with the booby traps. Sappers go out and mark the position of each bomb with a red flag. Later the bombs are exploded by rifle fire or by lassoing them with a long rope, the jerking of which sets them off.

"The idea," the correspondent says, "is to scatter the bombs among the camps and aerodromes along the roads, where it is hoped that they will act as traps for the unwary. The British forces were not taken in by them, even on the first day they were tried out. The bombs produce a surprisingly loud and spectacular explosion, capable of doing considerable damage to any lorry which fails to avoid the trap."

Usually the bombs roll under the camel scrub, and some become partially hidden in the loose sand.

## SON OF PROMINENT NAZI CAPTURED

The Vicar of Maple-Durham, the Rev. E. L. Macassey, reveals in his parish magazine that the son of one of Hitler's most eminent air advisers is a prisoner in Britain.

He adds: "The young man, when captured, ripped off a special Nazi decoration, and said, 'I do not want this ever again.'"

## STRANGE SOUNDS IN LONDON

New forms of defence and attack have been used during the past few night raids on London.

Citizens heard thunderous explosions disintegrating into staccato cracks high in the heavens. There was also a muffled rattling, which has been dubbed "carpet slipper" machine-gun fire.

Another of the new strange noises is a curious flat roar, which suggests that something has struck an imaginary ceiling miles up and bumped clamorously along the top of the sky.

These queer noises actually are caused by new types of weapons or well-tried weapons adapted to new uses. There are also new types of shells, whose composition and effect are secret. New and more elaborate types of "flaming onions" have been noticed also.

German surprises include a parachute bomb, described as shiny and cigar-shaped. Apparently it is constructed of an aluminium alloy, and is designed to float down gently and explode after landing.

## DISEASE IN ITALY

By A Diplomatic Correspondent FROM A NEUTRAL DIPLOMATIST JUST RETURNED FROM ITALY IT IS LEARNED THAT AS A SEQUEL TO PREVAILING MALNUTRITION THE DISEASE PELLAGRA HAS AGAIN MADE AN APPEARANCE THERE.

This was formerly a scourge of the rice-growing areas and certain other Northern agricultural districts where the peasants lived on polenta, a dish made from maize, and on little else. It was at one time believed to be produced by diseased maize, but was later traced to a lack of vitamins.

Those affected begin by showing debility and inability to work; in the later stages of severe cases the brain is affected. What appears to be lacking in Italy is a balanced diet. There are four meatless days a week, which means that macaroni and polenta are the staple foods and are too little varied.

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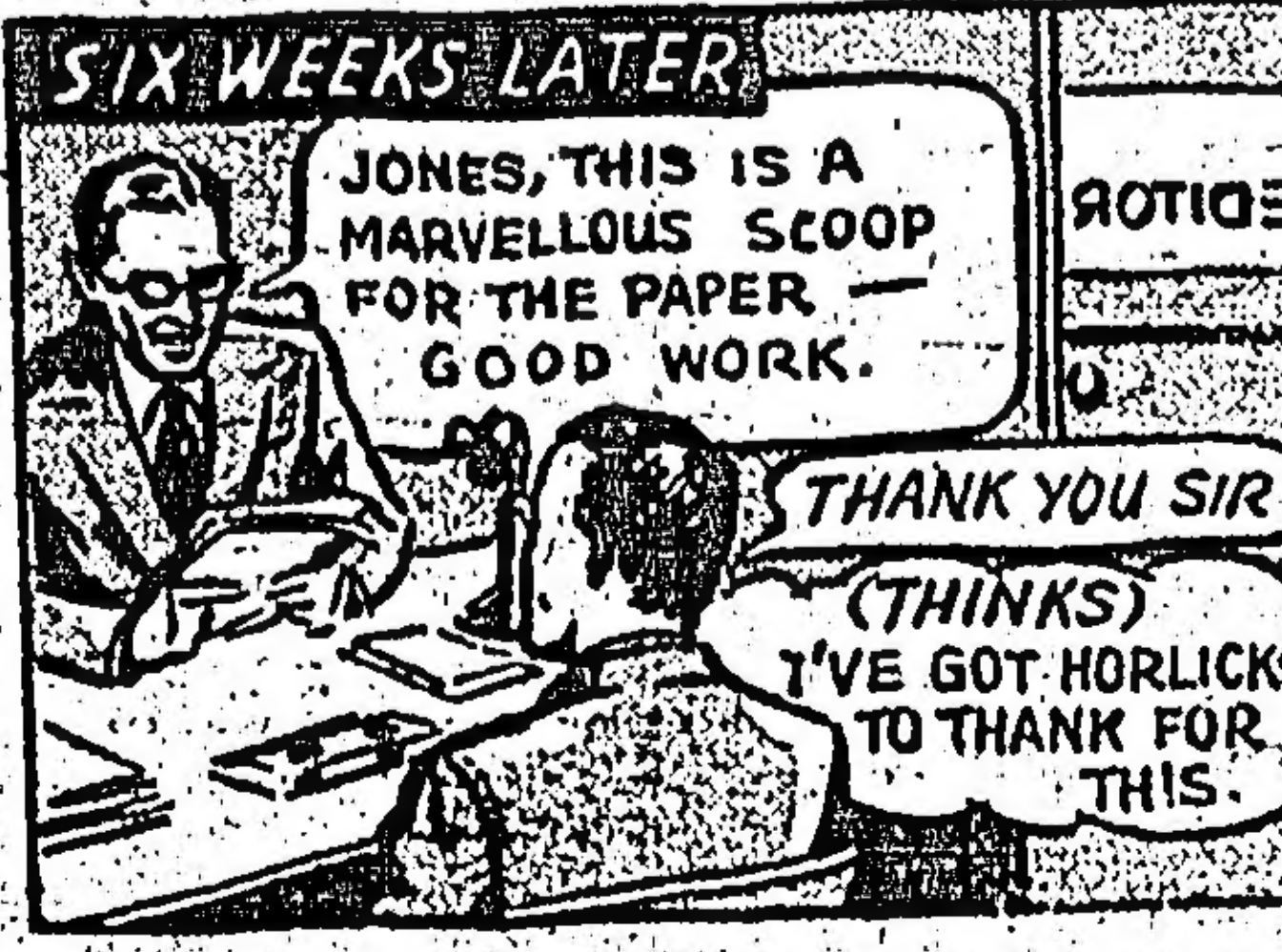
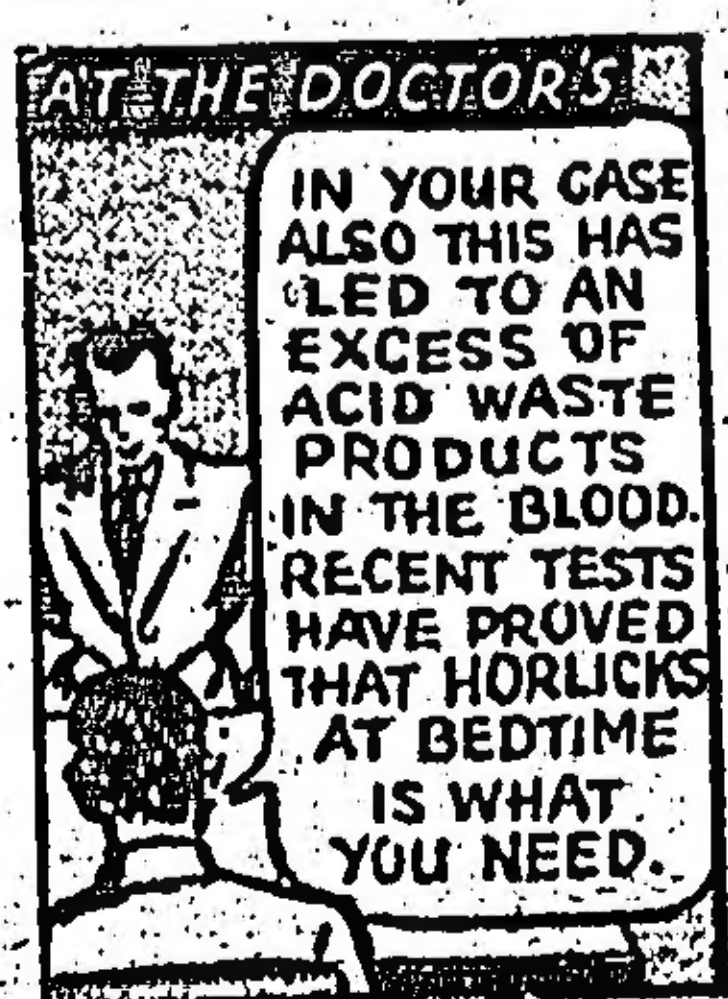
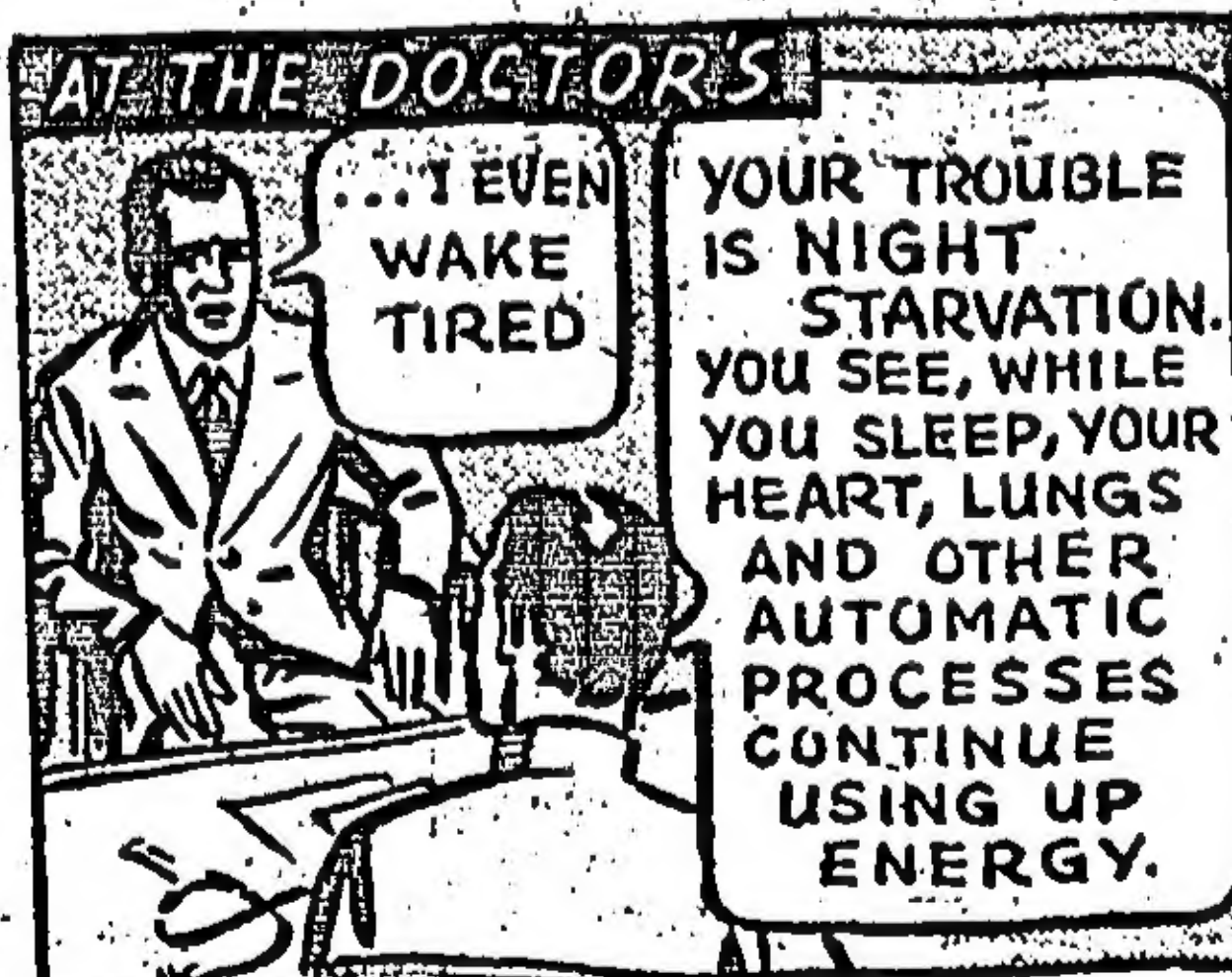
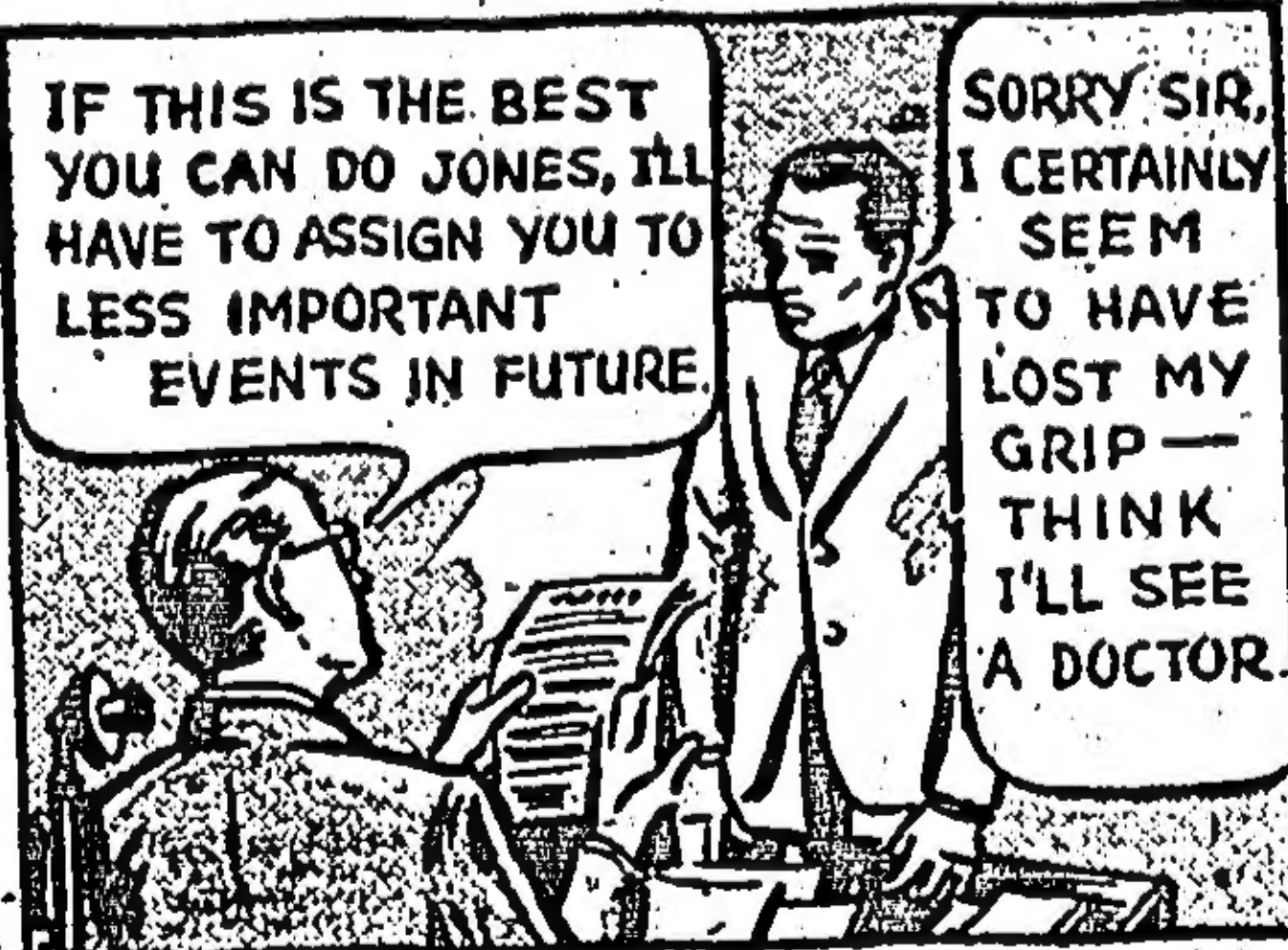
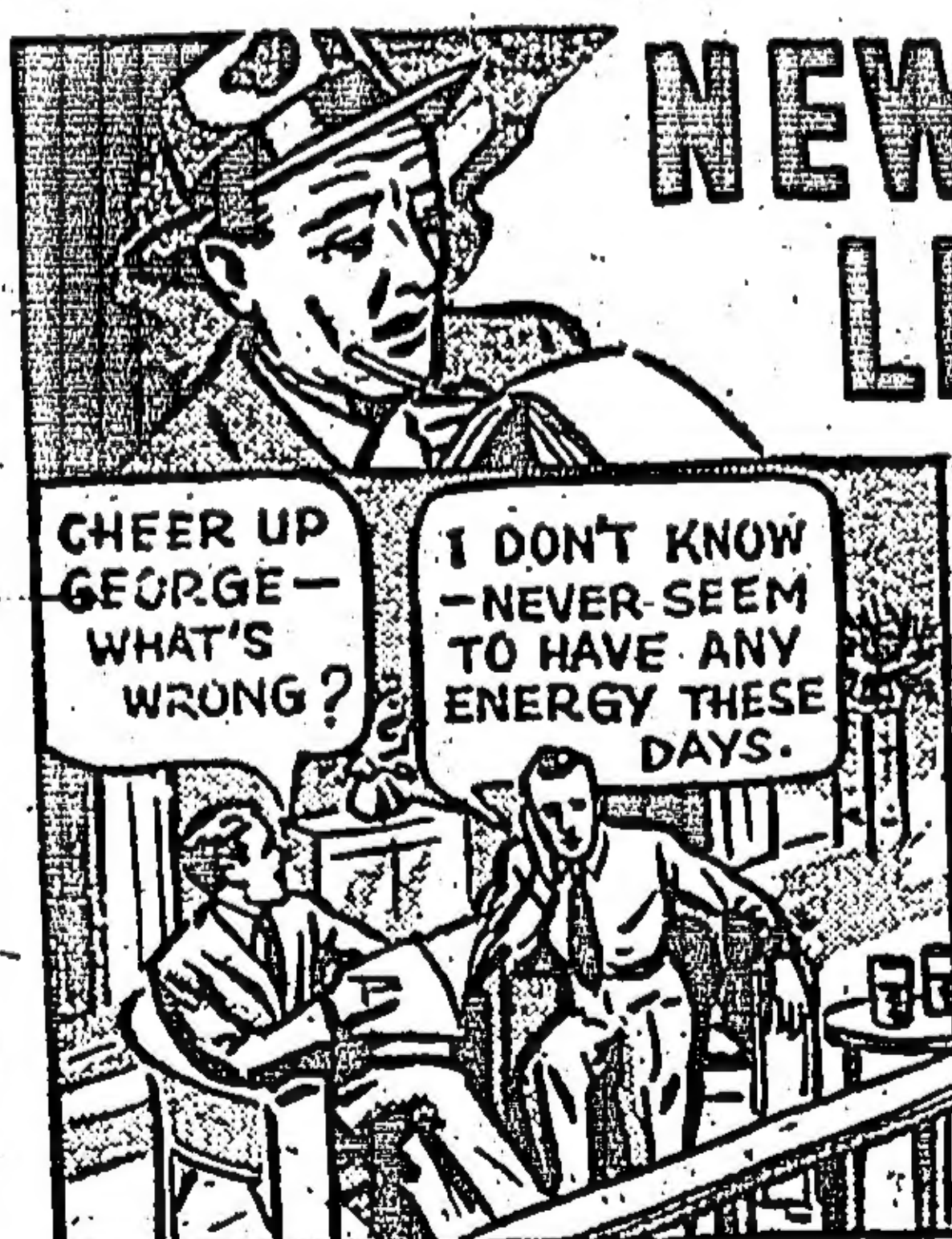
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# BRIDGE NOTES

## THE ONLY HOPE

By The Four Aces

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♦ 10 9 2  
♣ A Q J 10 7  
7 5  
♠ A 10 2  
♥ A K Q 6  
♦ 4 3  
♣ 8 3  
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♠ 9 8 6 3 2  
♥ 7 4  
♦ S 5  
♣ 9 6 5 2  
♠ Q J 10 4  
♥ K Q J 6 5  
♦ J 7  
♣ K 4

### The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of diamonds, East signalling for a continuation with the diamond eight. West then took the diamond Queen and stopped to "count noses."

He had already won two tricks and was sure of the trump Ace for the third defensive

trick. But was the setting trick to be won?

There was the chance, of course, that East had the club King, but in that case the contract would be defeated regardless of West's next play. What could West do to defeat the contract even if South had the club King?

The only chance was to win two trump tricks with the Ace and ten. That could be done if East had a trump honour — or if East could force out one of South's honours on the play of a side suit.

With this analysis, West led a low diamond; Dummy played the ten, and East, realising his partner's intention, ruffed with the seven of trumps. South had to use the trump Jack to win the trick, and West therefore won two trump tricks to defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schanken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 7 4 2  
♥ A 3  
♦ A K 6 5 4  
♣ 7

### The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. There's no need to jump, the bid since if your partner cannot respond to two diamonds there is no game. For the most part, simple non-jump bids lead to best results.

Score 100% for two diamonds; 20% for two no-trump; 10% for three diamonds.

### Question No. 556

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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His son, Edwin Harrison Jeffrey, was riding with a younger brother in a cart when the horse bolted. The horse and cart fell down an embankment, and the body died from a fractured skull.

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By ED REED.



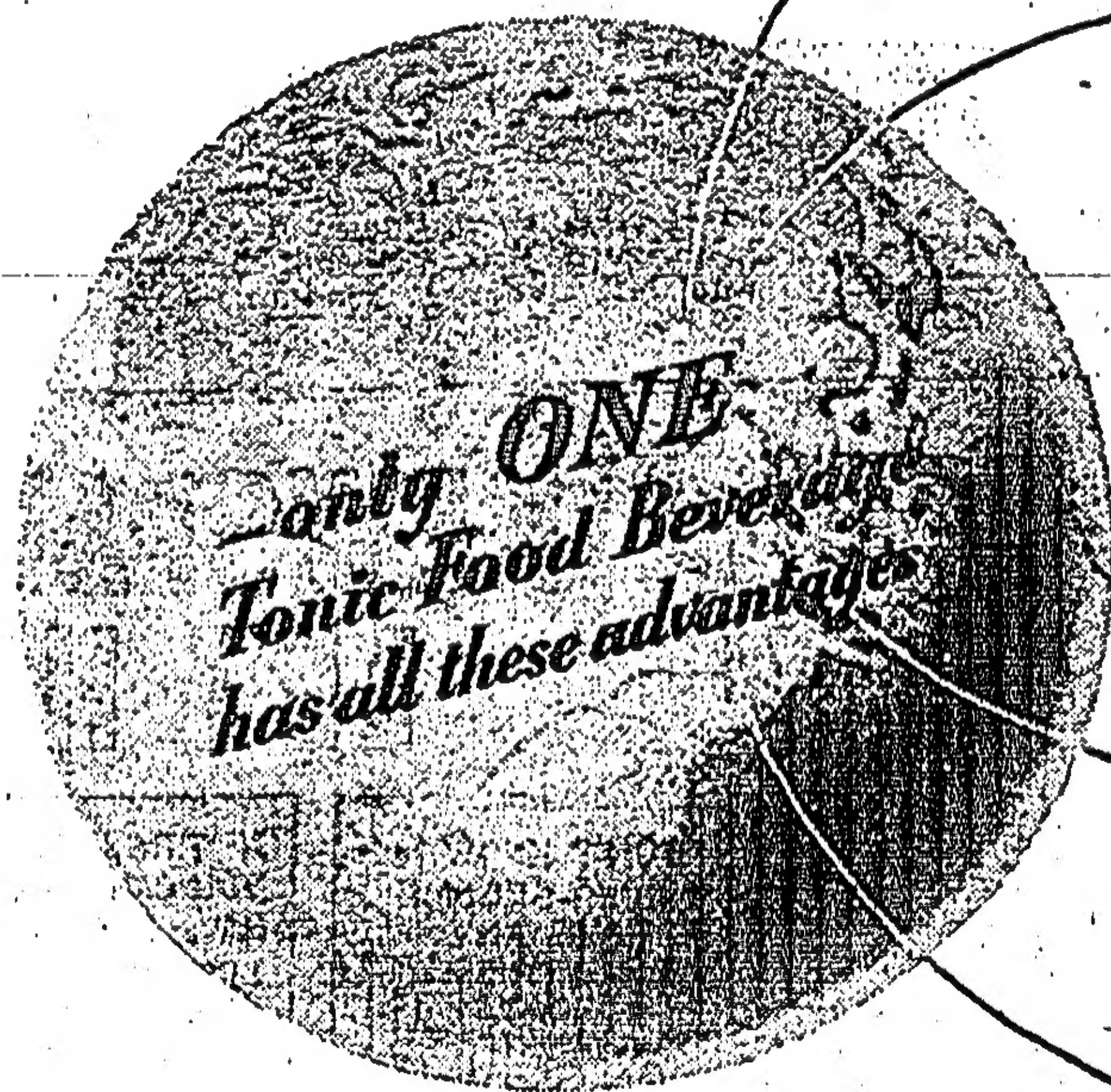
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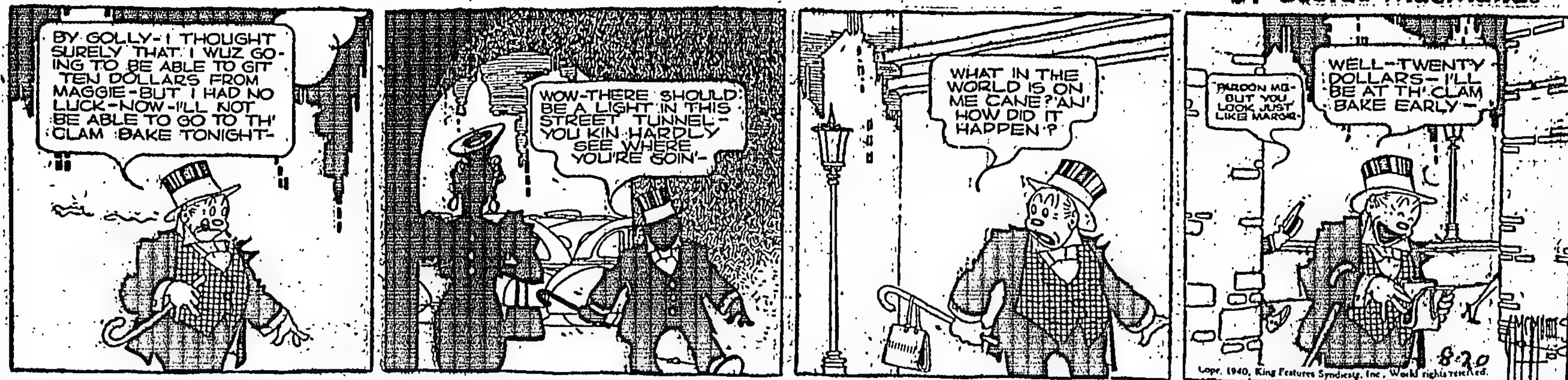
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# New York As Fashion Centre Will It Replace Paris?

Elsa Schiaparelli arrived in New York the other day on the Clipper from Lisbon and announced that she had come to buy some clothes! The item was a fine bit for the American newspapers — one of the leading couture experts of Paris come to the United States to buy clothes!

Perhaps only a joke; perhaps, actually, Mme. Schiaparelli went only in connection with a lecture tour on "Clothes and the Woman."

But the item has precipitated a very interesting discussion. Considering all that has happened to France, to Paris, since last June, does Mme. Schiaparelli's visit pre-empt the ascendancy of New York as the fashion centre of the world, to replace the city on the Seine which has held that distinction in our era? The answer may be no; the present writer, after a careful study of the situation, thinks it is no; but it is not an answer that could not come very close to a yes, for so much is involved in the problem.

Mme. Schiaparelli was asked the question. Her answer is significant. She said:

"I see no reason why America cannot build a couture of its own. I know there's designing talent here, and, if it is given encouragement, it will develop more and more."

As if the American fashion industry got all the inferences in that observation, some of the leading manufacturers at once began to make her offers to keep her in America. Four of the best known producers of women's dresses are known to have expressed a willingness to pay her \$5,000 dollars a year for the use of her name on labels, and at least one of them offered her 500 dollars apiece for original designs. As one commentator put it, "You could almost hear them sigh, 'Ah, thank-heaven! Schiaparelli will pull us out of this hole!'"

Mme. Schiaparelli, however, refused the offers and announced she was returning to Paris in December.

## If Hitler Controls Paris, Paris Won't Control Fashions

American writers on fashion subjects have tried to make the point that, "as long as Hitler controls Paris, Paris won't control fashions." It is, of course, too early to predict what the exact effect the defeat of France will have on the freedom of Paris to conduct what was in times of peace France's second largest industry.

The earliest intimations of Germany's long-range policy toward France were to the effect that she would be deprived of her Empire, and her position as a leading power on the Continent ended, but that her production in certain fields of fine manufacture where she has always led would be encouraged. On the other hand, the



Knitted sleeves in this green tweed suit. Cleverly gored skirt and matching tweed bag add a "tonic effect."

sudden flooding of the American market with pictures from Berlin of German designers' couture seems to indicate that perhaps the German capital may be aiming to succeed Paris as the centre of world fashions — although, if American fashion writers' reactions of these pictures are any test of the world's woman's reaction, the Nazis are setting themselves a hopeless task.

Presuming that Paris, under German compulsion, or by reason of the consequences of the dislocation of her economy as a result of the war, is no longer able to maintain herself as the world's fashion centre, will New York, as a consequence, therefore, be able to take her place? What about London, which in recent years has made enormous strides in attracting the best-dressed women of the world? There are a number of reasons why New York might conceivably succeed to the place of Paris and a number of reasons why she is not likely to achieve the distinction. An examination of these covers the entire range of the question of fashion in women's clothes.

The principal reason why France has led the world in the designing of women's clothes is that, in the words of an observer, she had an "intuitive understanding . . . of the direction in which the feminine mind was moving with respect to clothes matters."

Proof of this isn't hard to find.

When Patou, for instance, raised the waistline back to its natural position; when Vionnet employed the bias cuts to reveal the curves of the body; when Schiaparelli manipulated the shoulder line to give new contour to the silhouette, they initiated trends which were based infallibly on an understanding of women's preferences.

But, then, Paris has frequently been wrong, to her own great cost and the cost of all those in the business of couture the world over who followed her lead—as witness two seasons ago, when French designers believed that the toe-tip length in the dance dress was definitely going out and that the ankle-length dress would be welcomed by women everywhere. The results were a dismal failure.

American commentators declare that this intuitive understanding of the direction in which feminine taste is moving isn't exclusively French, nor is it intuitive. They stress that the life about them is the source of inspiration of French designers and American alike. They point to the fact that a house like Sally Milgrim of New York won fame forty years ago for its genius in fitting the sleeve entering the shoulder in a suit; or that Tom Briggance of Lord & Taylor introduced the new side-saddle fullness in play clothes, displaying an uncanny sense of what the women of America and the rest of the world want to wear; or that Clare Potter's sports clothes have been the envy even of the Paris designers.

## The Influence Of Hollywood

A source of fashion inspiration unique in the world, is Hollywood, where, without having to think of costs, and certain of wide publicity through the movies, designers work practically untrammelled, making the striving for an ideal a practical possibility.

A fashion leadership, a group of noted women who will sponsor and wear certain styles, in the same manner that the leading French couturiers had their coteries of smart customers who wore their best or newest things in advance, thus setting style standards. Women like Mrs. Harrison Williams, often found on lists of the world's ten best-dressed women; Mrs. Vincent Astor, wife of the noted capitalist; Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett, the wife of the singer; Miss Barbara Hutton; Miss Ina Claire, the actress; Mrs. Bernard Gimbel, wife of the distinguished merchant; and others have been gradually assuming the role of arbiters in feminine fashion.

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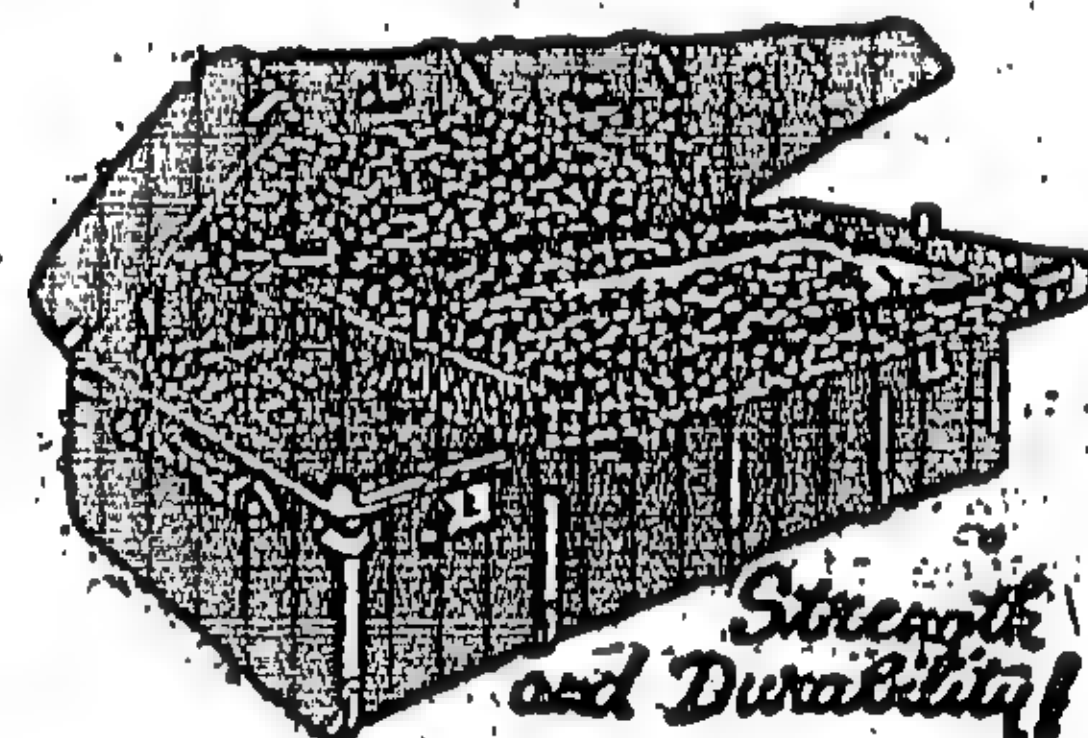
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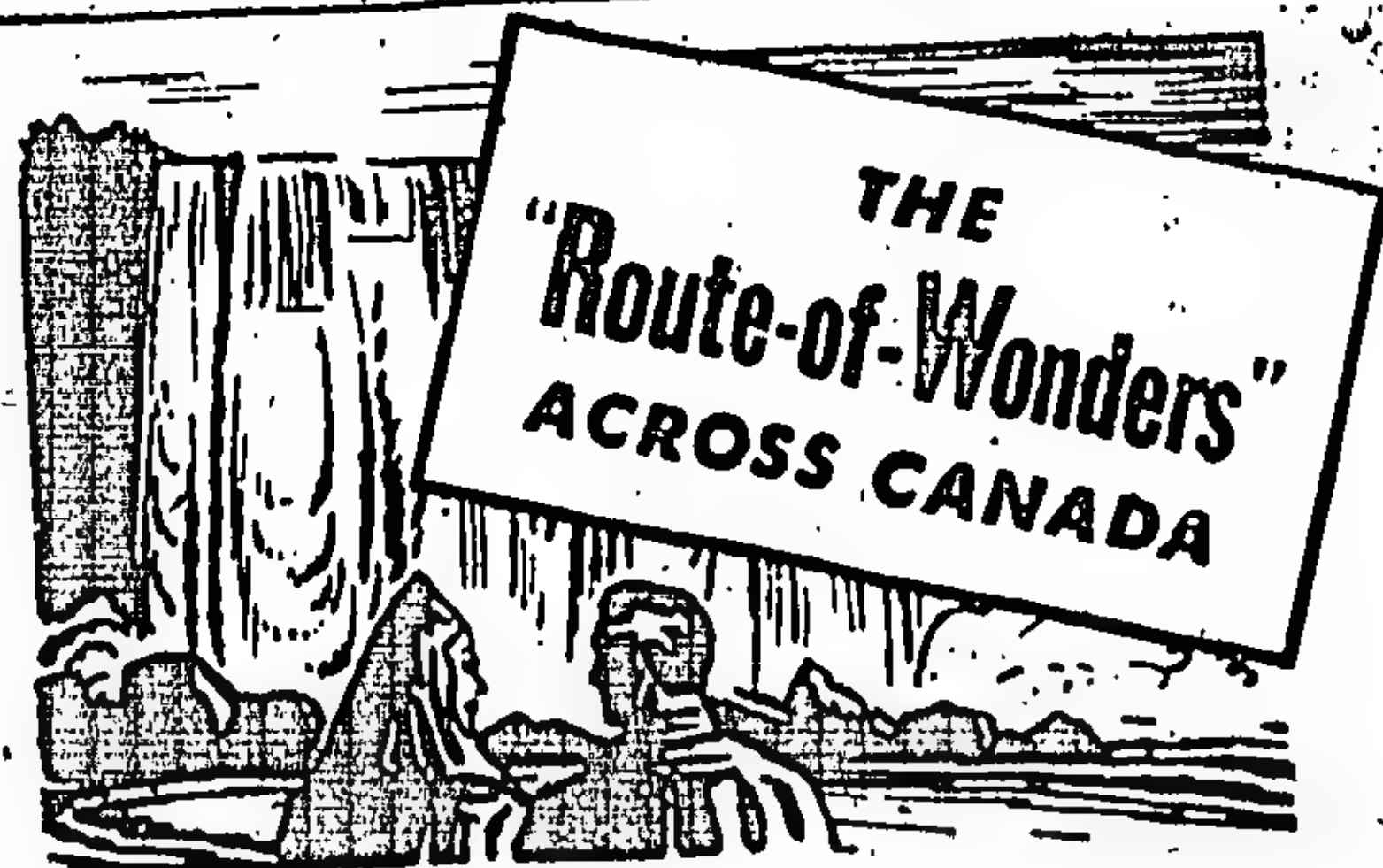
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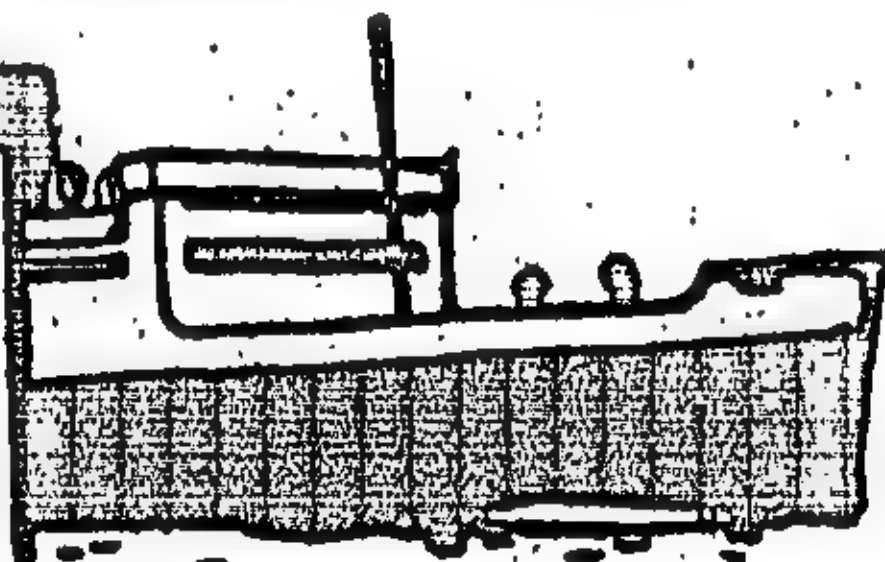
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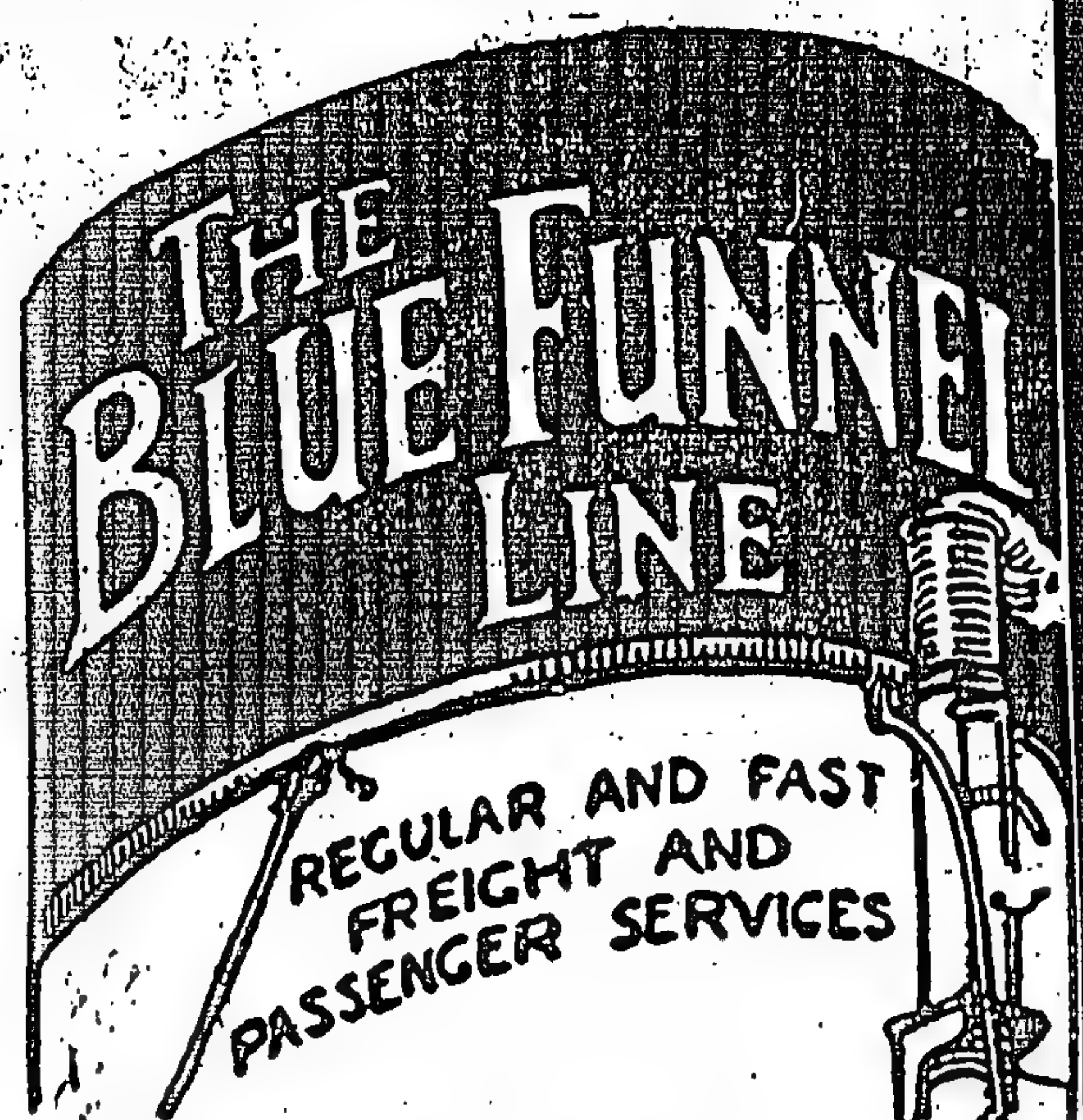
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Sydney Lypton and His Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano.  
2.00 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6.00 p.m.—Schumann—David-Leaguers Dances, Op. 6.  
6.23 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).  
O Vienna, my beloved Vienna (The Tourist Guide—Ziehrer); Be praised, thou peaceful night (The Vagabond—Ziehrer); Love's Message (Schubert).  
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7.30 p.m.—Easia Ackland (Contralto) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.02 p.m.—London Relay—'Cook-A-Do! Do!'.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.  
9.45 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.  
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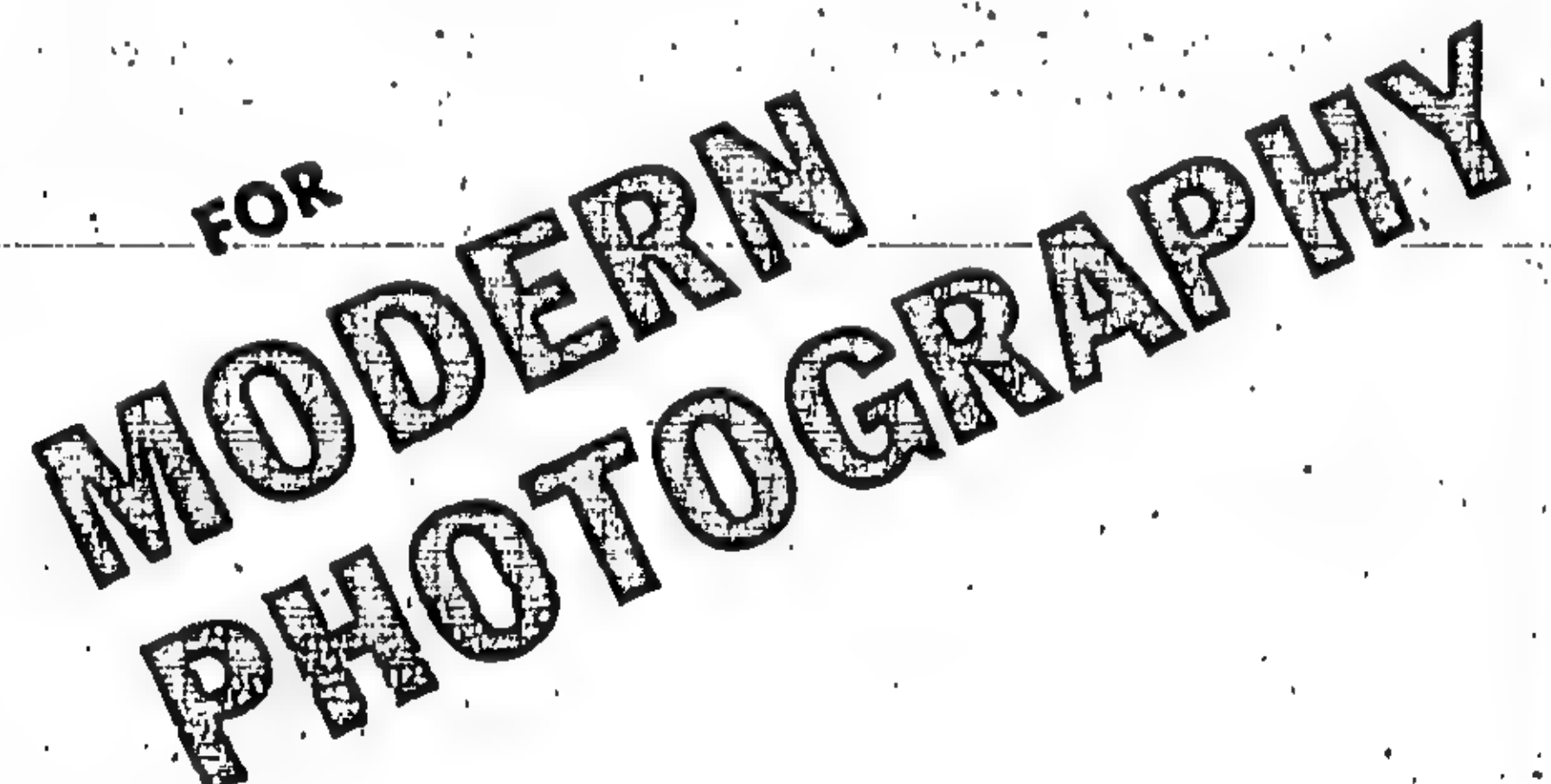
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## CHILDREN'S TREK TO CANADA

A party of 400 schoolchildren, selected from grant-aided schools in London, Greater London, the Home Counties, and parts of the West Country, evacuated recently under the children's overseas reception scheme, has arrived at a Canadian port. The children were bound for various parts of the Dominion, including Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, West Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Hamilton.

The ss. Samaria arrived at New York last week (states Reuter) with 138 British children, the first to go to America under the sponsorship of the United States Committee for the Care of European Children.

Some 170 children evacuated from the United Kingdom have arrived at Balboa, Panama Canal Zone (states Reuter), in the British liner Rangitiki on their way to New Zealand.

## BID FOR TURKISH TRADE

The Turkish Minister of Commerce recently opened the Smyrna Fair. The British Embassy was represented at the opening ceremony by Mr. James Morgan, Counsellor at the Embassy, and the British Ambassador intends to visit the fair later.

In spite of transport difficulties and delays caused by the war in the Mediterranean, Great Britain is exhibiting on a substantial scale. British textiles, gramophones, wireless apparatus, and road-building machinery occupy one of three large sections of the main hall in which last year German goods were shown. The Ministry of Information's section shows photographs of British warships and other armaments, as well as diagrams illustrating the value of British trade with Turkey; it is fitted with loud-speakers, through which are relayed broadcasts in the Turkish language from Great Britain.

## COLLECTION FOR GREEK WAR

The sum of £20,000 for Greece's war effort was contributed at a meeting of Greek residents in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday evening. — Reuter.

## AN OUTPOST IN THE NORTH

The last few months have given time for the Icelanders to accustom themselves to the British occupation of their country and, in most cases, to realise the necessity for it, writes a Reykjavik Correspondent, and in view of Iceland's geographical position which gives her a strategic importance in the North Atlantic, the majority of the people are relieved that the British forces have forestalled any attempt on the part of Germany to seize the island.

This naturally does not mean that Icelanders do not regret the temporary loss of their independence, but that they acknowledge the inevitability of the move and have faith in the British Government's word that the occupation will not last any longer than is necessary.

Most of the people of Iceland are pro-British in sentiment, especially in the present war, and have every confidence that the war will end in the defeat of totalitarianism.

### Payments In Cash

On May 10, the day when the British occupation took place, no work was done in Reykjavik. Every one was out in the streets and down by the harbour watching the troops. There were few serious faces, to most people it was a pleasurable excitement to see armed soldiers, and every detail of their equipment had to be examined, explained, and discussed by crowds of curious idlers. There were no signs of any fear of the new arrivals and their cheerful courtesy and unfailing good nature made a favourable impression and have repeatedly been praised in the Press here, although, especially during the first few days, the curiosity of the crowds who gathered to watch every activity of the troops must often have hampered their work and tried their patience. The children run to greet any soldier they see, even tiny toddlers will leave their play and thrust their hands confidently into those of passing soldiers and walk along with them. Even the babies have now learn to call out, "Hallo," "What's your name?" "G'bye," when they see a khaki uniform, and the men are rapidly learning words and phrases in Icelandic.

The problem of accommodation has troubled the British troops. Every type of building has been pressed into service and Icelanders have not failed to comment that the British Army pays for what it needs, not with credit notes as the Germans are said to do at a fair rate.

Although the first reception of the British troops was so good and although their subsequent behaviour has on the whole made a good impression it must not be

implied that every section of public opinion is pro-British. For a number of years now Iceland has been subjected to an increasing amount of German propaganda.

### False Rumour

The German Consul-General in Reykjavik before the British occupation was a personal friend of Hermann Goering and Streicher and other prominent Nazi officials. He was removed from Basle at the request of the Swiss Government because of his propagandist activities and he and his consular staff and other agents, resident Germans and pro-Nazi Icelanders, worked continuously to foster pro-German feeling here and to organise an Icelandic Nazi party on the lines of the German prototype. This party still remains, although the Germans responsible for its leadership have been removed from the country. There is evidence of its activity in the number of stories which are constantly being circulated with the object of breaking down the moral of the Icelandic people and making them afraid of German attacks on this country. All such stories gain credence for a day or two and tend to increase the nervousness of the people, and the propagandists do not forget to say that if the Germans do come it will all be the fault of the British, because if they had stayed away Germany would never have thought of violating Icelandic neutrality. To those who are unaware of the extent of German activities here before the British occupation this argument seems quite plausible. These stories are usually absolute fabrications, but there are always some people who believe them and are influenced by them in their attitude towards the British soldiers.

Such stories are evidence of the continued activities of the Nazi element here and, coupled with an increasing number of attacks on British soldiers in cafes and the streets by half-intoxicated youths out for quarrelling, show the extent to which German propaganda had won over a certain section of Icelandic youth. Although this anti-British feeling seems to be growing stronger in many quarters, yet I think it is fair to say that the majority of Icelanders sympathise with the cause of freedom as against dictatorship and oppression.

The attitude of the Icelandic Government has been, apparently, quite correct. They registered a formal protest against the occupation of the country, as was to be expected, but they have asked the people to remain calm and to treat the British soldiers with courtesy and respect as representatives of a friendly Power and as guests in the country. Great Britain's action in sending a Minister Plenipotentiary here in recognition of Iceland as a sovereign State, after the German invasion of Denmark made it necessary for Iceland to take all her foreign affairs into her own hands, has been much appreciated, and the personality of Mr. Charles Howard Smith, H. B. M. Minister, has made a good impression.

## MORE CANADIANS ARRIVE IN BRITAIN

TWO MORE BATTALIONS OF CANADIANS ARRIVED IN BRITAIN YESTERDAY, AND WERE GREETED BY MAJOR GENERAL ODLUM, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE SECOND CANADIAN DIVISION. They will undergo further training. — Reuter.

## FRENCH UNIT IN EGYPT

An event of deep military and political significance was marked when the first French unit formed in the Middle East to fight for a Free France alongside the forces of the British Empire was reviewed by Sir Miles Lampson, the British Ambassador, in the presence of General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, and Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Wilson, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, British Troops in Egypt.

The unit in question has been formed from officers and men from a contingent of the French Colonial Infantry who at the time of the collapse of France decided to throw in their lot with the British. This nucleus has been swelled by members of other units. The men wear the anchor which is the badge of units of the French Colonial Infantry. The unit has been given British uniform and equipment, and is attached for administrative purposes to a British brigade, but its discipline and internal organisation are in the hands of its French officers. The men wear tricolour bands on their shoulder-straps and the double cross of Lorraine on their helmets.

The occasion of the review was the presentation of Colours offered by a French ladies' committee in Egypt. The ceremony took place on the cricket ground of the British camp where the troops were stationed. It was carried through with that characteristic heightening of the emotional pitch which is the gift of all French military ceremonial.



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# UNIVERSITY LADIES' HOCKEY TEAM TO TAKE FIELD TO-MORROW

## MISS GREAVES TO LEAD SIDE AGAINST D. G. S.

By "Sportshawk"

Although the evacuation has caused the suspension of Ladies' League hockey this season, the various Clubs have been making strenuous efforts to raise teams, and a number of friendly matches were played both on the mainland and island last Saturday.

It is now learned that Hong Kong University are doing their best to raise a team for friendly matches.

The team will be captained by Miss B. Greaves, Colony Inter-port reserve and will be composed of a number of players who figured prominently for Diocesan Girls' School during the two past seasons, while they also will have several newcomers who have shown promising form in recent practice games.

University, who have not yet been seen in action against any Ladies' clubs, are playing their first friendly game tomorrow, commencing at 4.30 p.m., against D.G.S.

### Interporter As Pivot

Miss B. Greaves will occupy the pivotal position, with Miss E. Hunt, formerly of C.B.A. juniors,

and Miss P. Lang, who played left-half for D.G.S. last season, as wing-halves. All these three players have played in the League during the past two seasons.

Miss C. Kotewall, former D.G.S. player, will lead the attack, with her former school-mates, Miss K. Winyard and Miss M. Chow, as her inside colleagues, while Miss H. Curran, the sprinter, will be on the right-wing, and Miss A. Lim, also formerly of D.G.S., will be on the left-wing.

In the defence are three newcomers to hockey. They are Miss H. Salmon, who will be playing between the sticks, and Miss P. Ablong and Miss E. Greankau as the backs.

### CLUB "A" RUGBY XV

Club "A" fifteen to meet Army "A" on the Club ground to-morrow at 5 p.m. sharp is as follows:—D. L. Pecorini; R. B. Wilson, J. Rogers, F. M. Thompson and H. van Leeuwen; T. O. Morgan and F. J. D. Clemo; R. E. Heaseman, I. McCas, J. Moodie; G. F. Needham, S. Lee; G. B. Godfrey, A. G. Dalziel and G. G. Davies. Referee—Eric Matthews.

## TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

The Third Division football game between Royal Air Force and 36th Battery, Royal Artillery, which was to have been played on Sunday, will be played to-day at Chatham Road at 2.45 p.m.

## ARMY SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are some of the Army Inter-Unit football games to be played during the week:

**TO-MORROW**  
40th Coy Engineers v H. Q. Middlesex.  
(St. Joseph's, 2 p.m.)  
**THURSDAY**  
20th Coy Engineers v "A" Coy. Royal Scots.  
(Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)  
"A" Coy. Middlesex v "D" Coy. Royal Scots.  
(Chatham Road, 3 p.m.)

## ROWING REGATTA NEXT WEEK

The Annual Army Rowing Regatta will be held at Stonecutters on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12 and 13. Among the teams competing are Service Corps, Middlesex, Engineers, 5th A.A., R.A., 8th Battery R.A. and 12th Battery R.A.

## U.S.R.C. TOTAL 100 SHOTS AGAINST CLUB

Two weeks ago, United Service Recreation Club entertained a bowls team from Hong Kong Cricket Club and cricketers won comfortably. Last Saturday, by arrangement, Hong Kong Cricket Club entertained the U.S.R.C. on the latter's ground.

The U.S.R.C. team was stronger on this occasion and turned the tables on their opponents, winning by 100 shots to 33.

Following was the U.S.R.C. team:—Capt. Guscott, J. Smith, J. Newton and J. T. Smalley (skip). Lt. Col. Moffatt, J. A. Fraser, R. B. Parkes and H. H. Williams (skip). R. W. Rowell, Lt. Col. Matthews, Lt. Col. Levett and B. D. Evans (skip).

## ONE BALL, BUT OUT TWICE!

Canon F. H. Gillingham, now chaplain to the Lord Mayor of London, once had the unique experience of "bagging a brace" at Lord's, though only one ball was bowled to him. He missed it and was l.b.w. in the first innings, he was run out for a balloon before he'd taken guard! "Gillie" played for the Gentlemen at Lord's in the game when "Ranji" refused to be photographed with the team for reasons best forgotten.

# THE ONE-KICK INTERNATIONAL

WHEN THE FOOTBALLER TALKS OF CARTILAGES, JIM BARRETT, LAUNCHING HIS 18TH SEASON WITH WEST HAM; CAN TELL THE BEST STORY, AND CAN CALL ME AS A WITNESS FOR I SAW IT HAPPEN, WRITES L. V. MANNING.

Barrett's only kick at the ball in his one international match (England v. Ireland at Liverpool in 1928) was a terrific right-foot shot from 40 yards, which swerved just over the bar. Then he collapsed and was carried off. This happened in the eighth minute of the game. Back in the dressing-room they found it was the left knee cartilage that had gone!

So big Jim holds one record which will stand for ever—an England career of eight minutes with one kick in it.

### Pride Of Laboratory

Down at Boleyn, Professor Paynter keeps all his best cartilages in labelled bottles.

Exhibit A was for as long as you can keep a pickled cartilage, Jim Barrett's England classic.

Now pride of the laboratory is an authentic Bicknell, Charles, who captained the winning final team last season, was only operated on recently by Mr. Fripp, but is already walking about and won't be missing so much of the new season's football.

Soon they will have them out in the first half and playing in the second.

There was once a Plymouth Argyle player who improved so much with every cartilage operation, he asked Bob Jack's permission to have the lot out.

## CHINESE TRAINER'S NARROW ESCAPE

Bo Yee, a Chinese trainer, escaped serious injury this morning when taking out a 1941 Australian Subscription pony No. J.C.K. 49, belonging to Mr. S. K. for its morning exercise.

The pony suddenly bolted on nearing the six furlongs post, headed for the rails, and when it appeared that both rider and pony would suffer injury in attempting to jump the rails, the pony suddenly slipped, bringing down the rider head on towards the rails. He was, however, none the worse for his experience beyond receiving a few scratches in the face. The pony in the meantime bolted round the track and was later caught and remounted by the trainer to finish its exercise.

## GOLF STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Following is the draw and starting times for the Jasper Clark Cup and the qualifying round for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Championship: Old Course. New Course.

9.20 a.m.	A. W. Borune & I.	12.40 p.m.	H. Gedre
9.25	K. S. Robertson & J. L. C. Pearce	12.45	J. L. C. Pearce
9.30	I. P. Tamworth & R. G. Parker	12.50	R. G. Parker
9.35	Brig. MacLeod & J. Linaker	12.55	J. Linaker
9.40	F. D. Hunter & A. Pearce	1.00	A. Pearce
9.45	A. D. Humphreys & F. A. Redmond	1.05	F. A. Redmond
9.50	G. C. Worral & L. Lloyd	1.10	L. Lloyd
9.55	K. S. Morrison & J. A. D. Morrison	1.15	J. A. D. Morrison
10.00	R. K. Collings & S. Tomlinson	1.20	S. Tomlinson
New Course		Old Course	
9.20 a.m.	W. Hewitt & F. Groves	12.40 p.m.	A. K. Mackenzie & R. Young
9.25	A. K. Mackenzie & R. Young	12.45	Col. Rose & E. J. R. Mitchell
9.30	Col. Rose & E. J. R. Mitchell	12.50	A. McKellar & L. R. Andrews
9.35	A. McKellar & L. R. Andrews	12.55	D. Humphreys & A. J. Dennis
9.40	D. Humphreys & A. J. Dennis	1.00	N. L. Smith & I. Newton
9.45	N. L. Smith & I. Newton	1.05	W. W. C. Sheehan & D. S. Edwards
9.50	W. W. C. Sheehan & D. S. Edwards	1.10	A. M. Kennedy & G. G. Atkinson
9.55	A. M. Kennedy & G. G. Atkinson	1.15	A. E. Lissaman & D. S. Robb
10.00	A. E. Lissaman & D. S. Robb	1.20	

## STUBBS SHIELD DRAW

Following is the draw, in order, for the Stubbs Shield of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:

**FIRST ROUND:—**  
H.K. and Shanghai Bank (A. M. Kennedy (11) and G. G. Atkinson (7)) v. C.S.O. (N. L. Smith (11) and T. Megarry (9)).  
Headquarters China Command (Brig. MacLeod (8) and Brig. Thomson (16)) v. R.A.O.C. (Col. MacPherson (15) and Capt. Bridge (2)).  
Education Department (T. J. Price (11) and G. W. Reeve (17)) v. Army Dental Corps (Col. Smith (13) and Capt. Fraser (18)).  
5th A.A. Regiment (J. D. Cline and T. A. Pearce (3)) v. Asiatic Petroleum Company (R. Young (7) and G. M. Park (7)).

Dairy Farm (G. Milne (13) and J. D. Thomson (13)) v. H.K.V.D.C. (Col. Rose (9) and Lieut-Col. Mitchell (7)).  
John D. Hutchinson (T. E. Pearce (13) and P. S. Cassidy (17)) v. Leigh Orange (J. E. Potter (24) and R. G. Parker (10)).

**SECOND ROUND:—**  
Gilmans (A. Mabb (18) and L. Goldman (8)) v. H.K.S.R.A. (Major Pendfold (19) and L. J. A. Fielden (16)).  
12th Heavy Regiment (Capt. Forrester (scr.) and Capt. Roberts (15)) v. Army Audit Staff (R. Parken (7) and C. S. Clarke (24)).  
P.W.D. (D. S. Edward (4) and C. W. E. Bishop (13)) v. Winner of H.K. Bank v. C.S.O.

Corps of A.R.P. Wardens (Col. Matthews (16) and M. A. Annett (18)) v. Winner of John D. Hutchinson v. Leigh Orange.  
Post Office Department (R. F. Morris (22) and H. A. Mills (20)) v. Butterfield & Swire (F. A. M. Elliott (20) and J. C. C. Matthews (16)).

Dodwell's (A. J. Dennis (10) and D. Humphreys (9)) v. Government Medical Department (Dr. A. G. Greaves (18) and Dr. S. Tomlinson (7)).  
H. Q. China Command or R.A.O.C. v. Education Department or Army Dental Corps.

5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery or Asiatic Petroleum Company v. Dairy Farm and Company or Volunteers.  
First pair in each bracket are challengers and are responsible for arranging dates.

First Round to be played on or before Saturday, November 30.  
Second Round to be played on or before Saturday, January 4, 1941.

### G. M. Young Cup

Following is the draw in order for the G. M. Young Cup:  
Bve—Gibb Livingston & Co. (C. Austin).

**FIRST ROUND:—**  
Butterfield & Swire (F. D. Hunter) v. Dodwell & Co. (A. C. I. Bowker).  
S.V.O.C. (I. H. Geere) v. H.K. & Shanghai Bank (H. F. Phillips).  
Chartered Bank (G. A. Leiper) v. A.P.C. (G. G. Worral).

The manager of each team is shown in brackets. First pair in each bracket are challengers and are responsible for arranging dates. To be played under handicap. As a date of playing. Teams (4-a-side) may be changed from day to day. 15 holes Match Play singles and fourballs. Each single match 1 point, each fourball match 2 points and each match to be played out over 18 holes. 3/4 distance in singles, 1/3 (biques) in fourballs. Singles will be played on the New Course and afternoon pairs should be bracketed together. Fourballs will be played on the Old Course. In the event of the points for matches being equal the result will be decided by the number of holes between the teams.

First Round to be played on or before December 8. Semi-final, to be played on or before January 12. Final Round to be played on or before February 2.

### CAPTAIN'S CUP QUALIFIERS

The following are the results of the qualifying rounds of the Captain's Cup (November) competition of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

Old Course:—S. L. Lloyd, 84—13=71. There were 24 entries.  
New Course:—T. Megarry, 77—11=66. There were 10 entries.

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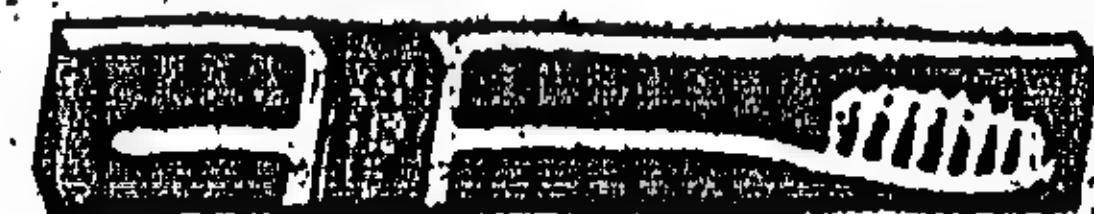
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# INCREASE IN PRICE OF BEST TICKETS FOR POPPY DAY MATCH

## Extra Precautions Being Taken By The Association

By "Referee"

At a meeting of the Grounds Committee of Hong Kong Football Association last night it was decided to increase the price of admission to the centre portions of the Covered Stand to \$2.00 for the annual Poppy Day Charity football game.

A portion of the centre stand will still be reserved for members of Hong Kong Football Club till 15 minutes before the start of the game, but club members must obtain their tickets from the Hon. Secretary in the Club-house. Extra precautions have been taken to cope with the crowd, and no admission will be allowed after the sale of the last ticket.

## NEXT WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

SATURDAY	
Kowloon	v Sing Tao
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)	
Middlesex	v Club
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	
Eastern	v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
Second Division	
Service Corps	v Engineers
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)	
Kowloon	v Sing Tao
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)	
Club	v Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
Ordnance	v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)	
Third Division	
36th R.A.	v Shell
(St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)	
Medicals	v Air Force
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)	
20th R.A.	v 12th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)	
Service Corps	v 35th R.A.
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)	
24th R.A.	v International
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	
SUNDAY	
First Division	
R. Scots	v Police
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	
St. Joseph's	v South China
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
Second Division	
R. Scots	v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
South China	v Kit Chee
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)	
Kwong Wah	v Police
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)	
Third Division	
Engineers	v Signals
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	
A.S.A.	v 7th R.A.
(Boundary Street, 2.45 p.m.)	

## AITKENHEAD SHIELD GAMES

THE ANNUAL BOWLS MATCH BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON FOR THE AITKENHEAD SHIELD WILL BE PLAYED AT KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB ON SATURDAY AT 2.30 P.M.

Following are the teams:  
D. M. Khan, W. Hong Sling, W. Dall, J. Deakin (Hong Kong) v V. C. Labrum, W. Parsons, J. Fraser, F. Goodwin.

J. Hayward, G. S. Ladd, W. J. Bagley, C. S. Rosseter (Hong Kong) v H. A. Castro, T. K. Lim, W. J. Howard, A. J. Kew.

S. Yusuf, C. W. Lata, R. Basa, U. M. Omar (Hong Kong) v G. W. Deacon, D. W. Waterton, G. H. Sherriff, A. M. Holland.

J. McCutcheon, R. A. Edwards, T. M. Pile, A. J. J. (Hong Kong) v A. A. Dand, Y. Abbas, C. Dowman, R. Hall.

E. Casey, J. Prentice, G. Perkins, E. G. Post (Hong Kong) v W. L. Walker, Sir Atholl MacGregor, J. G. Meyer, A. J. Hall.

G. Stephens, R. C. Butler, W. Gill, G. Duncan (Hong Kong) v H. Overly, A. W. Ramsay, W. Hyde, E. Kern, R. Main, G. Patterson, W. Melrose, J. Chalmers (Hong Kong) v A. M. Calman, T. Coleman, R. Morrison, J. McKelvie.

C. Needham, C. Strange, L. E. Lammer, A. Brooksbank (Hong Kong) v J. A. Luz, C. H. Basto, H. A. Alves, J. E. Neronha.

A. G. Gardner, W. B. Harris, J. Orem, J. C. Fender (Hong Kong) v H. White, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde-Lay, R. Duncan.

J. C. Gellatly, A. B. Allan, J. F. McGowan, M. N. Rakusen (Hong Kong) v F. X. Monteiro, C. E. Marques, F. V. V. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva.

C. Gowland, H. W. Randall, S. Eccleshall, W. K. Way (Hong Kong) v B. Evans, R. Ogden, V. Attenza, W. C. Simpson.

J. Hoosen, A. S. Suffad, S. M. Rumjahn, M. Y. Adal (Hong Kong) v J. A. Remedios, D. C. Alves, J. J. Basto, C. G. Silva.

## V.R.C. HON. SEC. TO WED

The forthcoming wedding is announced between A. O. Barretto, Hon. Secretary of Victoria Recreation Club, and Miss Gloria D'Almada.

## ENGLAND FULL-BACK KILLED

Pilot-Officer E. J. Parsons, the Yorkshire and England Rugby Union full-back, has been killed on active service.

Parsons, an Australian, was a full-back of the sound and dour type who, because his play was not spectacular, was rather generally voted a surprise selection when in March last year he played against Scotland at Murrayfield. He was given the place that had been well filled by another Overseas player, H. D. Freakes, of Oxford.

## POLLARD'S SPITFIRE SPIRIT

Dick Pollard, the Lancashire cricketer, showed real Spitfire spirit in a recent match at Westhoughton for the local Spitfire Fund.

After hitting up 53 in quick time and receiving a collection of £1 10s. 6d., he handed over the money to the Fund.

Pollard was the chief scorer for W. Farrimond's XI, who made 174, Cecil Parkin's XI replying with 154 for seven.

Seven Lancashire players in all took part in the match: Winston Place scored 15 and took four wickets for 28, Phillipson scored 16, and J. Bowes 18, but Eddie Paynter obtained only a single.

The Hong Kong University Hockey Club have awarded colours to W. Abraham, Low Nan-hang and Lee Chee-koon.

## Connie Mack Is Sure Yankees Will Win In 1941

Connie Mack, veteran manager of the Philadelphia Athletics who predicted last January that the Yanks would lose the American League pennant this year believes that New York will come back and win the title in 1941.

"I had a great team once," he recalled. "That team I got together in 1910 was one of the greatest and I saw them crack up and lose when everyone said they couldn't. Then they came back and were champions again."

"That's what the Yanks will do next year."

## FROM HERE AND THERE

F. E. Lawrence, who now plays for C.S.C.C. 2nd XI, is perhaps the oldest active cricketer in Hong Kong to-day in the sense that this is his 26th season of cricket in Hong Kong. Prior to coming out here Lawrence had a few years of cricket in England and played on the famous Edgbaston ground.

It is learned from a reliable source that the badminton members of Victoria R.C. are planning to stage a Club tournament consisting of men's singles and doubles events and also a mixed doubles competition.

Len Alltree, who played softball for Hong Kong Baseball Club some two seasons ago, is making a return to the game, this time in C.B.A. colours. He has played one game so far and will probably be one of the regular team, occupying the centre or right-field berth.

A. Kitchell, for many seasons one of the stalwarts of Craigengower's 2nd XI in the Cricket League, will not be taking an active part this year.

Latest member of the Local Admiralty Clerks' Association, who ran a team in the Inter-Hong Softball tourney last year, is A. J. Hussain, well-known footballer and swimmer. Hussain has just joined the Naval Dockyard and should find a place in Lacas' softball team.

Congratulations to "Obear" el Arculli, H.B. baseballer and Indian R.C. cricketer, on his forthcoming marriage to Miss R. Suffad, sister of A. S. Suffad, former Indian R.C. First Division cricketer.

Sergt. Flaherty, who has been playing a lot of snooker at Police Headquarters lately, has been tipped as the likely one to win the Police snooker championship which, it is understood, will be held in Central's snooker room in the not distant future.

Both B. R. Iranice and W. K. Way may not be able to play much cricket for Craigengower this season as they will be away from the Colony periodically on business trips.

B. W. Bradbury, former Colony bowls champion, prominent owner at the Valley and president of Craigengower Cricket Club, may be returning to the Colony late this month.

Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary of the Softball League, had a very busy week last week. He is in the A.R.P. and was on duty for three days of the week, but he still found time to arrange the week-end softball fixtures to every one's satisfaction.

# OWNER SUES WHITE CROSS INC. IN PHILIPPINES

ACCORDING TO the "Manila Bulletin," a civil suit involving P4,000 was filed in the Manila court of first instance on October 30 by C. A. Barretto, Manila race horse owner, against the White Cross, Inc.; Miguel Romualdez, racing manager of the Philippine Racing Club; and Dr. Sixto Carlos and Jose Montes, judges. The suit grew out of the morning daily double held on October 27 by the racing club under the auspices of the White Cross.

Barretto seeks to recover the amount, which he claims he should have won were it not for an erroneous decision of the judges.

Barretto claims that his horse Clarion ran a dead heat with Solado, which was declared a winner by the judges.

Barretto alleges that the photograph taken of the race shows that Clarion was ahead of Solado, for which reason the judges should have declared Clarion the winner or at least declared the race a dead heat. The winning combination as decided by the judges was Emir (No. 2) and Solado (No. 3).

The plaintiff states that he had five tickets at P2 each on Emir and Clarion which should have netted him P8,130. Aside from this he held two tickets to win on Clarion which would have given him a dividend of P260, in addition to the purse of P250 for the winning horse.

## KNOWS EVERY SPOT

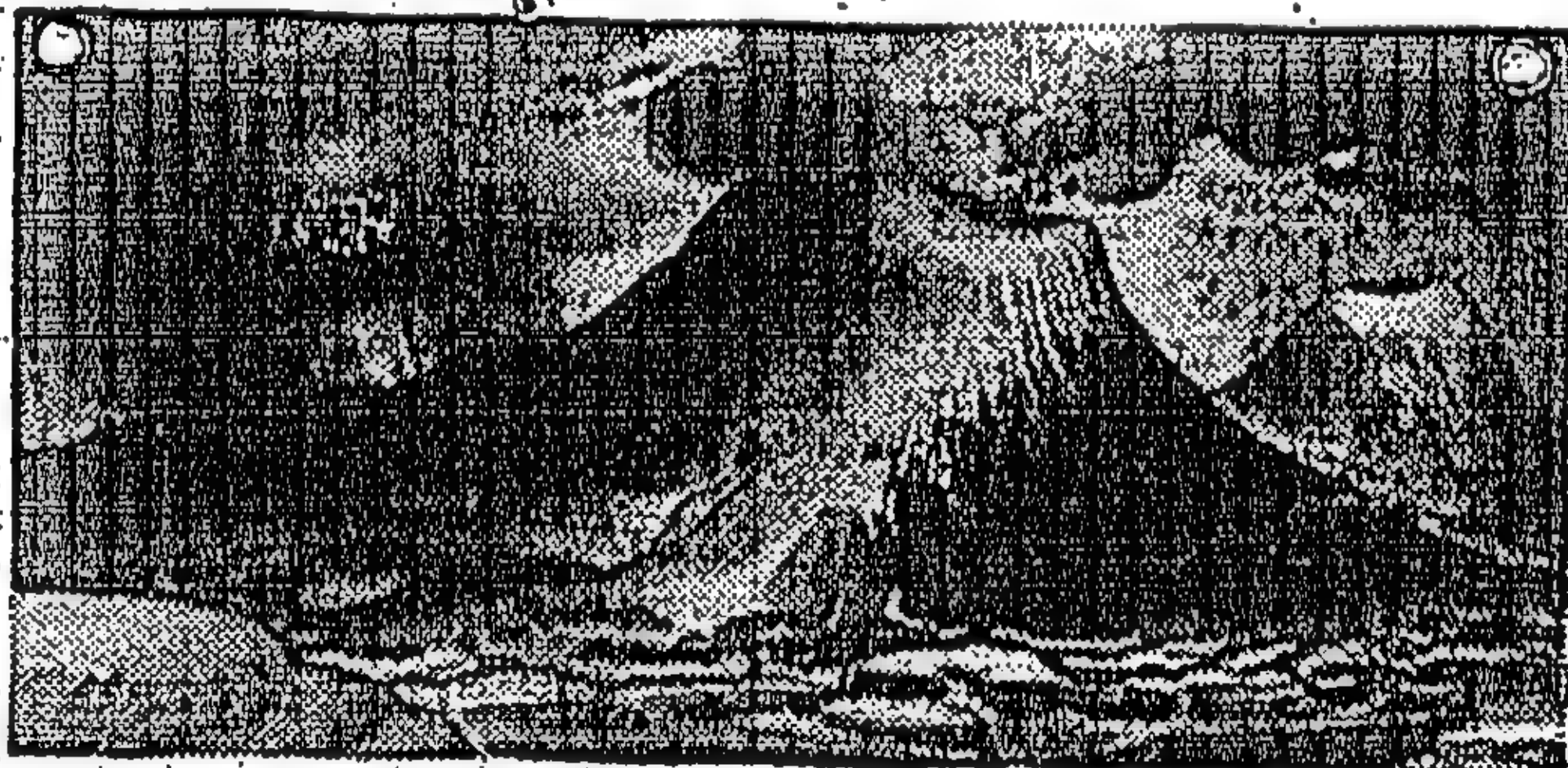
Bill Nicholson, Chicago Cubs' outfielder, has batted in every position from one to nine in the four years he has been in organized baseball.

C. Manson is a keen softballer and, though only starting this season, is already playing in the St. Joseph's team.

## KERMANI IN COLONY

One of Shanghai's better all-round cricketers, F. R. Kermani—one of the stars of the Shanghai Recreation Club—is at present in the Colony on holiday. He turned out for Craigengower Cricket Club against University on Saturday but did little of note. He is returning north next week.

It is rumoured that A. M. Omar, who was one of Craigengower 2nd team's opening bowlers in the Cricket League last season, will not be playing this year. He will be devoting all his time to football, with the odd game of softball on Sundays.



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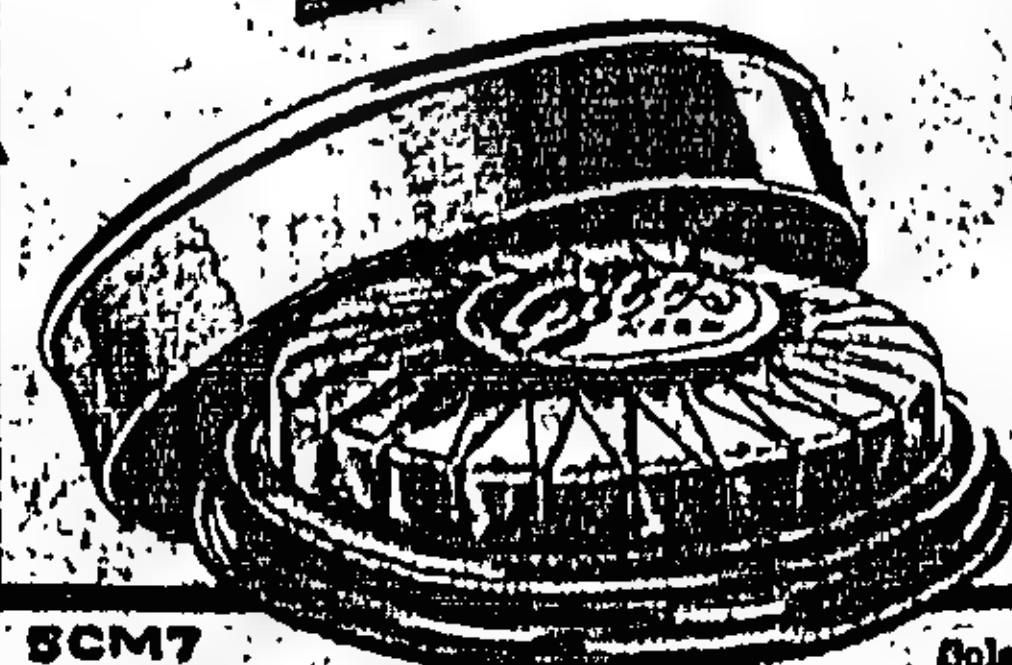
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# AMERICA AND MARTINIQUE

## No Immediate Action Expected By M. Haye

### TWO MORE ITALIAN SUBMARINES SUNK

The destruction of two more Italian submarines by British light forces was announced in a brief Admiralty communique last night.

The hunt in one case was carried out in cooperation with the R.A.F., it was added.—Reuter.

### HUGE FIRE IN CANTON: RUMOURS RIFE

Unconfirmed reports received from Canton last night state that a huge fire broke out in the city at noon yesterday and that it was furiously blazing last night.

Giant columns of flame and smoke were visible from Shaheen.

There are rumours that the Japanese are preparing to withdraw from Kwangtung and there was much speculation on whether the outbreak of fire was a prelude to the rumoured withdrawal.

Meanwhile, in Chungking unconfirmed reports state that the Japanese in Hankow are making preparations to withdraw.—Our Own Correspondent.

### BRITAIN ORDERS MORE BOMBERS

From San Diego comes news that Britain has placed a contract with Consolidated Aircraft for seven of the company's large 4-engine long-range bombers.—Reuter.

## Petaín's Reply To Roosevelt

"There won't be an immediate American move to take over French possessions in the Western Hemisphere," was the belief expressed by the French Ambassador, M. Henri Haye, after delivering Marshal Petaín's reply to President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.

M. Haye told the press that Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Sumner Welles, who both read the reply, seemed favourably impressed.

He said he had no objection to publication of the reply but this was a matter for the State Department.

He scoffed at the idea that the Martinique population would prefer transfer to the American flag.

There was no change in French policy in recent days regarding their western possessions nor in the negotiations with Germany and Italy, M. Haye added.

Reports that peace proposals from Hitler had been transmitted to Washington via the French Embassy find no confirmation either in the State Department or the Embassy.—Reuter.

### Delivered Yesterday

Marshal Petaín's reply to President Roosevelt's message concerning Franco-American relations was delivered yesterday to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, by the French Ambassador in Washington, M. Henri Haye.

M. Haye declined to reveal the contents to newspapermen who questioned him.—Reuter.

### SHOCK FOLLOWS SHOCK FOR ITALIAN ARMIES

(Continued from Page 1)

Greek position the Greeks, although lacking any anti-tank equipment, held their fire until the last moment.

Met by a sudden hail of lead the Italians turned and fled.

Another report is that Albanian irregulars have broken up and destroyed an Italian motorised convoy.

### Superior Morale

Altogether it appears that the enemy have no heart for the campaign and all despatches emphasise the superior morale and great courage of the Greek soldiers.

Nevertheless an intensified effort by the Italian High Command

## N.E.I. POLICY DEFINED

The trade talks with Japan have so far given no results but "may be continued," according to a statement by the Netherlands East Indies Government in Batavia yesterday.

The statement stresses, however, that the "closest watch will be given to the possibility of direct or indirect advantages accruing to the enemy of the Netherlands."

Referring to the Nazi "new European order" the statement "wholly and absolutely refutes the participation of another power in our own affairs in the Netherlands East Indies."

The Netherlands Government equally rejects a "world economy which would enclose the Netherlands East Indies in a so-called Asiatic bloc."—Reuter.

to retrieve the situation is expected soon.

Reliable reports received in Belgrade from the Greek frontier state the Greeks are now vigorously bombarding Koritza, the Italian supply base seven miles inside the Albanian frontier.

On Sunday Greek planes bombed Koritza without meeting opposition.

It is also reported that the Greeks have captured the town of Bikhichta, just inside the Albanian frontier, on the road from Koritza to Florina.

It is learned there have been frequent desertions from the Albanian troops on the Koritza front.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Reports in the Chinese Press this morning stating that the Japanese forces have withdrawn from the Shataukok and Man Kam To areas along the border are unfounded.

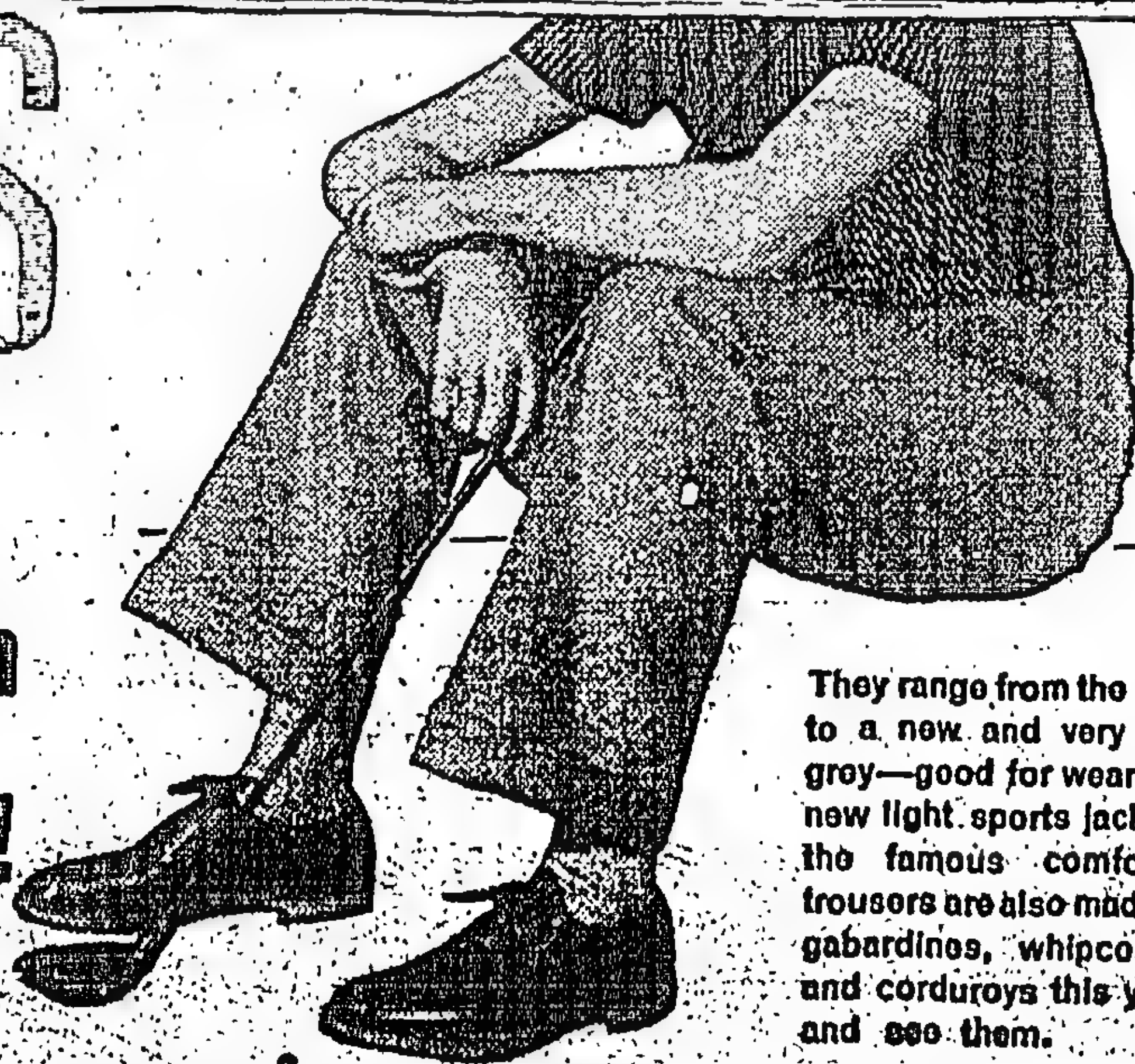
Other, contrary, rumours reporting an increase of Japanese strength along the border are also without foundation.

The Japanese have, more or less, 5,000 men, including "puppet" Chinese troops, stationed between Namtau and Shataukok.

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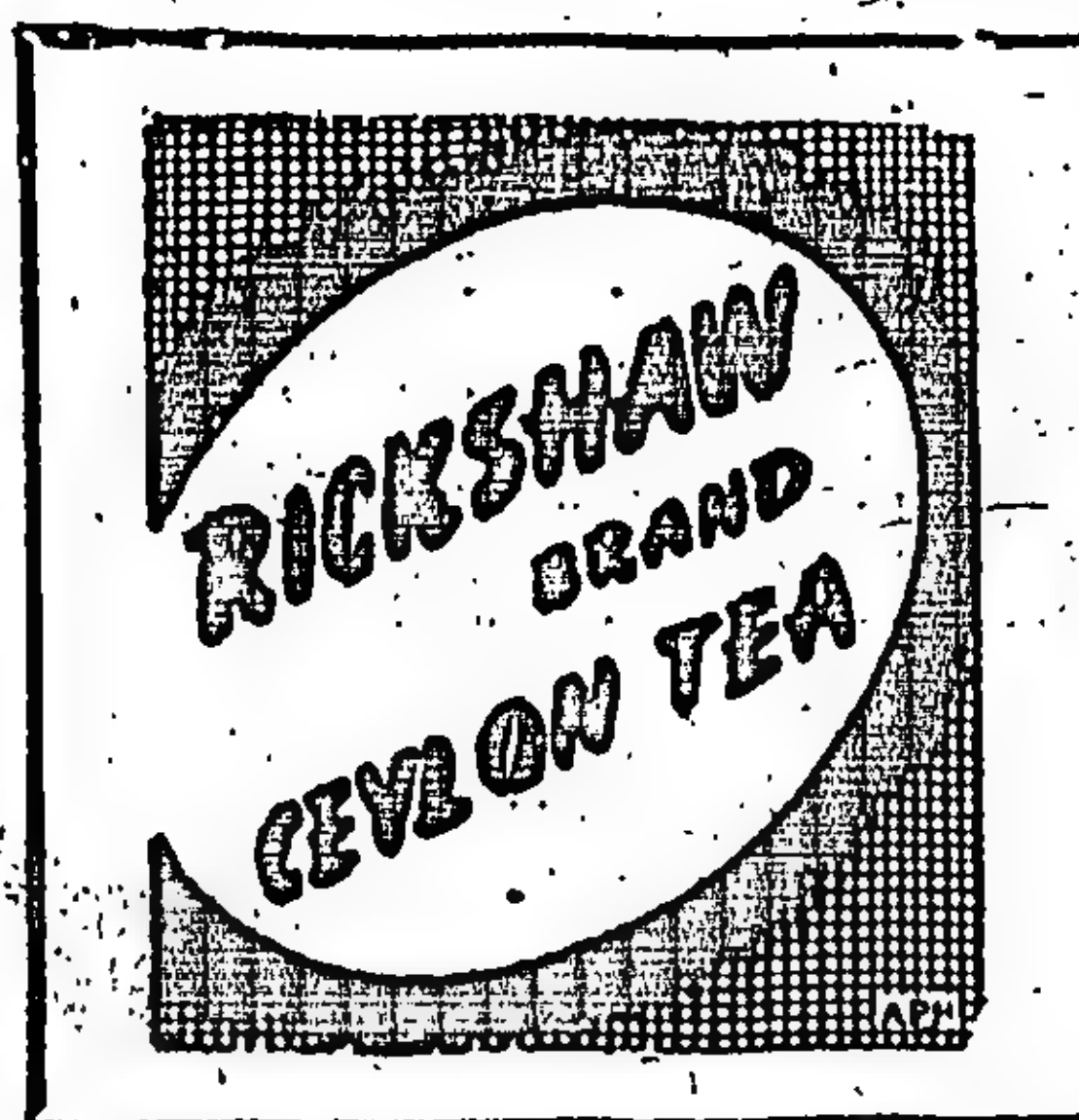
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## SHOCK FOLLOWS SHOCK FOR ITALIAN ARMIES

### London Raidfree For 24 Hours

The London area has been without an air raid alert for 24 hours—the longest period of calm since the mass German air attacks began nearly two months ago.

The Air Ministry, announcing this last evening, added that very few enemy aircraft had crossed the coast during the day.

Bombs were dropped in the London area and widely separated points in the Midlands and East Anglia.

This caused damage to a few houses. A small number of people were killed and injured. — Reuter.

### ITALIAN NAVAL LOSS AT CORFU

THE ITALIANS LOST ANOTHER WARSHIP IN THE BATTLE NEAR CORFU, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM YUGOSLAVIA.

These reports yesterday afternoon said that the battle took place between Greek warships and Italian naval units which were attempting to enter the channel between Corfu and the Greek mainland.

The Greeks are said to have prevented this and an Italian warship was sunk after an hour's battle.

Earlier reports spoke of an Italian warship on fire and steaming northwards from the island. — Reuter.

### FALSE-MARKED PLANE BOMBS ATHENS

An Italian plane bearing Greek colours passed over Athens at 12.10 yesterday afternoon and dropped a single bomb which injured three people. The enemy machine disappeared when it sighted a British fighter. — Reuter.

### DAYLIGHT RAIDS

During R.A.F. daylight bombing operations on Sunday, Flushing and the aerodrome at Soesterburg were attacked. Two of our aircraft are missing. — British Wireless.

### ITALIAN VERSION OF OPERATIONS

Italian reports from the Greek-Albanian frontier state that Italian aircraft were actively engaged yesterday in bombing and machine-gunning Greek positions and troop concentrations, batteries and villages.

The official Italian news agency claims that "Italian troops continued to advance on all fronts." — Reuter.

### Naples And Kiel Raided

Successful attacks upon objectives at Kiel and Naples were carried out on Sunday night by the Bomber Command despite extremely difficult weather conditions, according to an Air Ministry announcement in London last evening.

The attack on Kiel lasted nearly 70 minutes and was carried out by waves of British aircraft. Other aircraft bombed the main railway station at Naples and oil tanks at Poggioreale, on the southern outskirts of the city.

Bombers which attacked Naples reported that Italian anti-aircraft guns provided more effective opposition than on the previous raid.

The city was well blacked out and as our aircraft approached they were met by a heavy and fairly accurate fire. The attacks on the naval dockyards at Kiel were delayed until early yesterday morning, when weather conditions showed some improvement, and it was not until 4 a.m. that the first British raiders reached the target area. — Reuter.

### NOTHING TO REPORT

A communique issued by G.H.Q. Cairo yesterday states: "On all fronts no change in the situation." — British Wireless.

## Greeks Bombarding Koritza: Fascists Cut Off In South

GREEK FORCES HAVE CAPTURED BIGLISHTE AND ARE BOMBARDING KORITZA, COMMANDING THE HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE FRONTIER RECEIVED IN BELGRADE, THE YUGOSLAVIAN CAPITAL, LAST NIGHT.

A Greek guerilla band commanded by Vardea, the famous guerilla leader, is reported to have cut the communications of the Italian army threatening Janina which is said to number 30,000 men.

GREEK TROOPS ARE UNOFFICIALLY REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN THE OFFENSIVE IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT IN THE PAST 48 HOURS, ADVANCING AT SOME POINTS INTO ALBANIA.

Meanwhile a week of fierce fighting has clearly established that the Italian High Command hopelessly under-rated the magnitude of the task which Italy set herself when she attacked Greece.

This view was underlined yesterday in Greek military quarters in Athens where it was stated, without any tendency towards overconfidence, that the "position is far better than anyone could have hoped for seven days ago."

It was feared in the first 48 hours that the Italians might succeed in breaking through the mountain passes west of Florina before the Greeks could rally, thus paving the way for a drive through much easier terrain towards the south.

### Greeks Shell Koritza

But violent Greek counterattacks not only foiled the enemy's plans but swept their own troops forward into Albania.

Positions have been captured north of the Italian base of Koritza, which is now heavily shelled by Greek artillery.

During the past 48 hours the Greeks are unofficially reported to have been on the offensive also in the southern sector, advancing into Albania at several points.

Fresh troops are arriving hourly in support.

### Centre Static

In the centre sector, where both sides have massed large forces, the situation is more static.

It was here that an Italian attack was repulsed with the loss to the enemy of nine tanks out of 20 which supported the attack.

Unofficial reports say that when the Italians attempted to rush the attack. (Continued on Page 10)

## PATROCLUS TORPEDOED AND SUNK

Two British armed merchant cruisers, one of them well-known on the Far Eastern run, have been sunk by the enemy, according to an Admiralty announcement in London last night.

They are the *Laurentic* (18,721 tons), a former Cunard-White Star liner, and the *Patroclus* (11,314 tons), the Blue Funnel liner formerly on the Liverpool-Far East service.

Both vessels, says the Admiralty communique, were torpedoed. — Reuter.

### DEATH OF DR. AZANA

Dr. Manuel Azana, former President of the Spanish Republic, died on Sunday night at Montauban, in France, it was reported in Vichy yesterday.

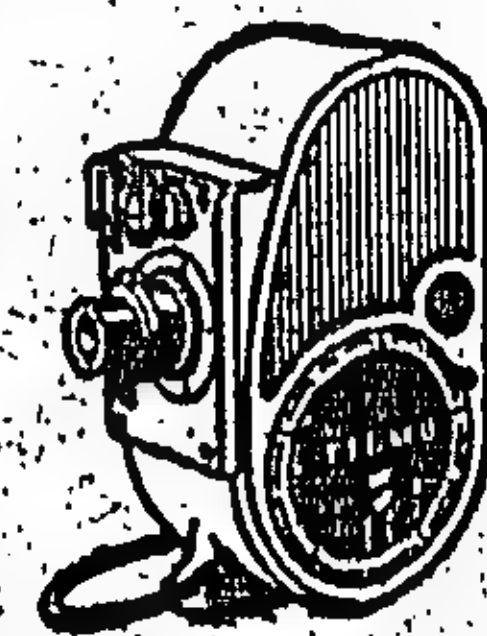
Dr. Azana, who was 60, had been ill for some months. — Reuter.

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## Both Parties Profess Confidence

### BERLIN DROPS PEACE IDEA

The Wilhelmstrasse yesterday gave the quietus to reports about alleged peace moves by the Axis powers.

"In view of their present political and military position Germany and Italy have no reason for making a peace offer to the enemy," it was stated.—Reuter.

### GEN. SMUTS WARNS S. AFRICA

A vivid description of the danger in which the Union of South Africa stood in these days of long-range bombers, was given by General Smuts, the Premier, in an interview with the South African Press Association at Pretoria yesterday on his return from a tour in the north.

The Union would be in great danger, he said, if South Africa did not send troops to the north.

General Smuts said the Lockheed-Hudson plane in which he travelled often flew over 300 miles an hour but was continually outstripped by the accompanying American-built Martin bomber, one of a number originally ordered for France but taken over by the Union Government after France's collapse.

The Martin bomber, he said, could bring a full load of bombs from Kenya and bomb Pretoria. The pilot could leave Kenya in the morning and be at Pretoria after lunch.

General Smuts declared the morale of the Union troops was excellent and all they wanted was to fight.—Reuter.

ON THE EVE OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, WHICH HAS BECOME AN EVENT OF FAR-REACHING INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE, ALL PRIVATE SURVEYS AND "TEST POLLS" GIVE A NECK-AND-NECK FINISH AND AN UNPREDICTABLE RESULT, WHILE PARTY OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES ARE PREDICTING A COMFORTABLE VICTORY FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CANDIDATES.

Republican newspapers have read significance into the fact that Mr. James Farley, Chairman of the New York State Democratic organisation, did not send the usual message of confidence to up-State Democratic leaders but cabled: "Extremely urgent that every possible vote be brought to the polls."

Nevertheless, Washington opinion is that President Roosevelt will be re-elected for the bitterly debated third term.

It is likely to be a record poll. Seldom have Americans taken a presidential campaign so seriously.

One of the most remarkable features of the campaign has been the manner both candidates have been obliged to deal with the war and foreign issues, which earlier had been ignored.

### Willkie Handicap

Most enthusiastic applause for President Roosevelt was at Cleveland on his promise of aid for Britain and his attacks against Nazism and Communism, while Mr. Wendell Willkie's most recent trump card has been his promise he would do more for Britain than President Roosevelt.

Undoubtedly one of Mr. Willkie's handicaps is his isolationist Republican following.

Many Republican supporters do not like the idea that Representative Hamilton Fish, the isolationist Republican Congressman, would probably be chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee if Mr. Willkie wins.

### "Squawking Albatross"

For instance, Claire Boothe, the famous playwright, has been campaigning for Mr. Willkie but also urging the election of the Democratic opponent of Mr. Hamilton Fish whom she calls the "squawking albatross of myopic isolationism."

Meanwhile, Mr. Willkie, in an eve of election speech to New York women, declaring that he would never "take the United States to war until your representatives in Congress have declared it," gave a pledge that "my every act as President will be to keep this country out of foreign wars and keep it at peace." — Reuter.

### BRITAIN'S AID TO GREECE

Greek sources in Athens are expressing great satisfaction both at the increasing help Britain is giving to Greece and at the stand Greek troops are making all along the line.

The Greek Minister in London says he has no reason to doubt reports that the British forces in Crete include land, naval and air units.

In spite of the latest Greek successes, the High Command does not under-rate the strength of the Italians and greatly intensified enemy action is regarded as imminent. — Reuter.

### BACK TO NORMAL

SWISS CORRESPONDENTS IN ROME DRAW ATTENTION TO THE SIGNIFICANT FACT THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ITALIAN PRESS HAS RESUMED ITS SEVERE ATTACKS ON FRANCE SINCE THE HITLER/MUSSOLINI MEETING IN FLORENCE.

It is suggested that they may have had it brought home to them that although France was defeated, she is far from being dead. — Reuter.



The hop pickers high in the Kentish Weald are not letting air raid warnings stop them from carrying on. They are sticking by the bines in the daytime and staying in their hop-houses at nights to get a good sleep. Photo shows three generations. (Left to right): Mrs. J. Tolhurst (Pearly Queen of Walworth) Mrs. Duckworth (mother of Mrs. Tolhurst) and Miss Norah Tolhurst (daughter of the Pearly Queen) carrying on in the hop fields with a smile. (Copyright, Fox).

## FIGHTING TO SECURE SHAPE OF WORLD TO COME

DISCUSSING WAR AIMS in the Empire broadcast yesterday the Under-Secretary of State for Air, Captain Harold Balfour, said he believed one aim was clear and universal to all — the defeat of Nazi Germany — but the British ought not to confine themselves to this.

"Nazism and all it stands for must be strangled. The young men of the R.A.F. — the youth of the British Commonwealth of Nations — are fighting to win the war. We must secure the shape of the world to come."

Capt. Balfour continued: "We are fighting for a positive cause with the future and not merely a negative cause with the past. Nazi philosophy—evil as it is—is positive. Must we not look upon Democracy as being equally positive?"

We must never talk or think as if we were trying to save some dusty old code of living which is on its last legs, for Democracy is actually an adaptable philosophy of life able to accept change through evolution rather than revolution.

### Not A Mere Survival

Democracy is not merely a gentle survival from our grandfathers but has spirit, body and future.

I would like our young airmen to feel that the glorious achievement in which they are taking part is not merely a struggle to keep what we have. It is a struggle to keep the future safe. Let the past take care of itself.

Even though every material memorial of our past were effaced, we know we are fighting for a just and mighty order which will still be possible in Britain and the Empire.

Our cause does not depend upon the ghosts of the lovely old London which bombs may batter but upon the living vitality which we will build anew.

### A New Dawn

It is not over the wicked vandalism of damaged St. Paul's that we must weep but rather over the death of even one young man who might have built a new St. Paul's.

When we use the word Democracy it is not with thoughts of the mellow evening of days gone by but of the dawn of something so tremendous in opportunities that its glare can dazzle our eyes.

The young men of our Empire who are defending freedom for the world to-day are the ones to whom we must look in shaping the world to come. We shall have great need in peace as in war of their service." — British Wireless.

### GEN. SMUTS BRIMS WITH CONFIDENCE

"I carried away a reassuring impression of the situation as a whole," stated General Smuts, the South African Premier, referring in Pretoria yesterday to the review of the military situation at Khartoum between himself, Mr. Anthony Eden and General Wavell.

"Now that Hitler's plan against heroic Britain has gone wrong and another attack could only be repeated with even less chance of success, the war is flowing towards the Middle East, nearer Asia and northern Africa.

"Some of the decisive phases of the war may yet be decided in the Mediterranean basin.

"The offensive spirit which British strategy is developing and the strange lack of enterprise and initiative on the part of Italy, and the enemy's ever lengthening land communications through hostile countries, as he moves to Africa and Asia, are in our favour. I look forward happily to future developments." — Reuter.



Another enemy machine, which was brought down during raids over England. It was a bomber. (Copyright, Fox).



# SPANISH ACTION AT TANGIER

## Military Commander Takes Over "Full Charge"

### Legislative Assembly "Dissolved"

Colonel Yuste, Commander of the Spanish troops in the International Zone of Tangier, yesterday issued an order dissolving the Committee of Control and the Legislative Assembly and announcing that he is taking "full charge" of the Zone.

The taking over of Tangier by Spain is confirmed in British official circles in London and is receiving careful consideration.

### LEGATION STAFFS LEAVING

The Greek Minister to Italy and his staff were due to leave for Greece last night, states a Rome message.

No news has been received in the Italian capital from Signor, Grazzi, the Italian Minister to Athens, for the past three days. From Athens comes news that he was expected to leave for Italy on Sunday, but he has not yet left.

It is said in some circles that the Italian Minister is not very anxious to return home because he fears the reception he is likely to get when he arrives. It is believed that he told Mussolini that Greece would accept the Italian ultimatum without a fight.

It is reported that the Italian Government held up for 24 hours the Greek Government's instructions to its Minister in Rome. This was done so that it would not appear that Greece was taking the initiative in breaking off diplomatic relations.

The Italian Minister in Athens, Signor Grazzi, was to have left the Greek capital last night in a special train with 190 other Italians for the Yugoslavian frontier. They were to be accompanied by an unarmed military guard. On arrival at the frontier they were to await the arrival of a special train bringing the Greek Minister, M. Politis, from Rome. According to the Swiss wireless Switzerland is to represent Greek interests in Italy and Hungary is to represent Italian interests in Greece.

### Crossing Into Yugoslavia

The first party of Italian diplomats from Athens is expected to cross the frontier into Yugoslavia to-day, according to Rome reports. A second party, with other members of the Italian colony in Athens, will follow.—Reuter.

### WRITING IN THE SKY

TWELVE SWEDISH JOURNALISTS HAVE JUST RETURNED TO STOCKHOLM FROM A VISIT TO BERLIN, PARIS AND BRUSSELS.

They report that travellers from Berlin to Vichy have to change trains 27 times owing to traffic difficulties.

British planes, they say, recently flew over Paris and wrote "Gourmand—Resistance!" in the sky over the city.—Reuter.

It is recalled that Spanish Moroccan troops occupied Tangier on June 14 by agreement with the International authorities.

Spain asserted the step was taken to preserve order and that the international status of the Zone would continue.

The International Zone of Tangier came into being in 1925 under an agreement between Britain, France, Spain and Italy.

The agreement provided for a complete international administration of the Zone, except as regards native affairs, which were reserved to the Sherrefian authority.

### Awaiting Information

Since June 14 this year the international regime had been functioning normally.

On Sunday the British representative at Tangier was informed of the Spanish authorities' latest decision but it was understood that the Spanish military commander would maintain both the neutrality of the Zone and the international administration.

The British Government will define its attitude when further clarification is received.—Reuter.

### TIENTSIN POLICE PAY PROBLEM

FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BY THE COUNCILLORS, THE BRITISH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN TIENTSIN IS EXPECTED TO TAKE A FORMAL DECISION ON THURSDAY REGARDING THE DEMANDS OF THE CHINESE POLICE CONSTABLES WHICH HITHERTO HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY REVEALED.

A primary issue in last Friday's "blitz strike" was an increase in wages. This may burden the budget up to \$100,000 a year because any revision might include other employees of the British Municipal Council within the same pay group.

Chinese constables are now performing all duties as normal.—Reuter.

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Picture taken during a visit to an R.A.F. station "somewhere in Britain" shows some of the personnel who shattered the myth that Berlin is so well protected by A.A. batteries that no enemy raider could get within bombing distance. (Copyright, Fox).

### MR. BEVIN GIVES IT 6 MONTHS

"Hitler and Mussolini are rats, and they will squeal and run directly their turn comes!" Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister for Labour and National Service, told factory workers at Rugby yesterday.

"GIVE US ANOTHER SIX MONTHS' INTENSIVE PRODUCTION AND WE SHALL HAVE PASSED GERMANY AND THE UGLY NAZI REGIME WILL CRUMBLE IN HITLER'S HANDS," DECLARED MR. ERNEST BEVIN.

"In six months," he said, "we shall have passed Germany in aircraft, ships and guns, and I venture to prophecy that immediately we have done so the world will move back to a peaceful time of reconstruction, the wiping away of privilege and to the growth of knowledge."—Reuter.

### N.E.I. POLICY DEFINED

The trade talks with Japan have so far given no results but "may be continued," according to a statement by the Netherlands East Indies Government in Batavia yesterday.

The statement stresses, however, that the "closest watch will be given to the possibility of direct or indirect advantages accruing to the enemy of the Netherlands."

Referring to the Nazi "new European order" the statement "wholly and absolutely refutes the participation of another power in our own affairs in the Netherlands East Indies."

The Netherlands Government equally rejects a "world economy which would enclose the Netherlands East Indies in a so-called Asiatic bloc."—Reuter.

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### MYSORE TROOPS OFF TO WAR FRONT

ANOTHER UNIT OF THE INDIAN STATE FORCES—THE FIRST DETACHMENT OF THE MYSORE INFANTRY—IS LEAVING ITS HOME STATION FOR ACTIVE SERVICE, STATED THE MADRAS RADIO YESTERDAY.

In a farewell speech to the troops at Bangalore the Maharajah of Mysore announced a number of concessions in the matter of separation and ration allowances.

The Maharajah of Mysore, speaking to the men, told them that they were going to "take part

### MORE CANADIANS ARRIVE IN BRITAIN

TWO MORE BATTALIONS OF CANADIANS ARRIVED IN BRITAIN YESTERDAY, AND WERE GREETED BY MAJOR GENERAL ODUM, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE SECOND CANADIAN DIVISION.

They will undergo further training. — Reuter.

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TO-MORROW: "RUGGLES OF RED GAP"

# NORTH SEA AIR WAR: OFFENSIVE NOW ON R.A.F. HANDS

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

**BRITAIN HAS WON** supremacy in the air war over the North Sea and the offensive there is definitely in British hands now.

Lockheed Hudson bomber and reconnaissance 'planes, Blenheim long-distance fighters, Sunderland flyingboats and Beaufort torpedo-bombers have snatched the lead from similar German types.

## ITALY'S NEW 'PLANES

### German Dive-Bombers

Italy's front-line forces in Egypt are being strengthened by Junkers 87B single-engined dive-bombers (Stukas). Similar machines achieved great successes in Poland and France.

These aircraft have not been recently in action against Britain. It was suggested that they might be refitted and reformed for the invasion of Britain, but now they have reappeared with the Italian forces in the Middle East.

The chief function of these dive-bombers has already been grimly and spectacularly established—it is to wipe out completely the resistance of enemy front-line troops.

The reason why the 'planes are no longer being used in the Battle for Britain is that they have to work with fighter escorts, without which they are easy victims for the British fighters, and the mass daylight raids on Britain have proved too costly.

This German move is regarded as important, and may presage a big attack on Egypt.

The Aeronautical Correspondent of the "Sunday Times," who believes that the presence of bombers in the Italian forces suggests that Italy and Germany are planning a large land and air offensive against Egypt, comments: "Now that our Air Force in the Middle East has been reinforced with the latest equipment, the success of these bombers may be no greater than that achieved against Britain."

"Nevertheless," the correspondent adds, "a major battle may be joined at any moment in Egypt, as the Italian forces press forward. Intensification of the war over England has rather overshadowed in the public mind even in the Middle East, which may be leading to a climax. Those in command in Britain and Egypt have not been blind to the likely trend of operations."

Italy, it is believed, has 230 bombers and 120 fighters in Libya. Italian reinforcements can be flown safely from Sicily only at night, whereas Britain's undisputed command of the Mediterranean makes the reinforcement of Royal Air Force units relatively easy. Britain is able to draw on reserves in Palestine, Iraq, and Aden, and, as long as Italy fails to obtain a footing in Syria, the reinforcement route from India through Iraq will be undisturbed.

The British Air Force can operate against the Italian Fleet from Malta, Egypt, and Palestine, thus forcing it to run the gauntlet of air action on whatever route it takes.

On the other hand, however, Italy's main air strength is based in the Dodecanese Islands and Libya. Italy's great difficulty in trying to strengthen her air force in Eastern Africa is the problem of supplying it with essential replacements. This will also be Germany's difficulty.

The daily work of British squadrons guarding the North Sea includes patrols over British convoys all day long, anti-invasion patrols over routes that the Germans may use to invade the eastern seaboard of England at night, and at all times the search for ship-wrecked seamen and lost airmen.

Shadowing and attacking German submarines from the Danish coast to the northern tip of Norway, besides attacking land objectives in enemy occupied territory, is also part of the constant routine. One squadron I visited two days ago, for example, up to the end of September had made over 100 attacks on enemy naval craft and merchant vessels.

### U-Boat Warfare

Intensification of U-boat warfare has not made the North Sea zone unhealthy for British shipping, thanks to the brilliant R.A.F. and Navy cooperation.

"Enemy submarines are rarely sighted on our beat now," I was told at one Bomber Command.

The watchfulness of the Coastal Command has also reduced to a mere trickle the passage of enemy convoys along the Nazi-controlled north European coast line. — Reuter.

## BRIGHTER TONE ON STOCK MARKET

Conditions on the London Stock Exchange yesterday were bright and business active, especially in gilt-edged, where prices were higher on sustained investment demand. Rails were well bought while among industrials, tobaccos and breweries were supported. Kaffirs were firm. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

## KING'S BIRTHDAY GREETING TO LEOPOLD

King George's greetings on the anniversary of King Leopold's birthday on Sunday were presented according to custom through the Belgian Ambassador in London, says Reuter.

## GERMANY WANTS IT BOTH WAYS

By way of the Swiss Government, the British Government have received a Note from the German Government recently, writes a Diplomatic Correspondent, describing in full the uniform of their parachute troops and claiming that these troops, when captured, are entitled to be treated as prisoners of war.

By a revealing accident, one of the German broadcasts during a recent news talk cut much of the ground from under the German Government's claim. The announcer referred to the recent dropping of parachutes in different parts of Great Britain. The British authorities had quickly found that they had been dropped empty, and even the German High Command declared that, in fact, no parachutists had been dropped. Undeterred by this denial, the German announcer declared: "A sinister example of British mendacity was the British official denial that any parachutists had landed. In fact they did land. They are now being sheltered by the Fifth Column and are probably receiving code signals from Germany."

The German Government cannot have it both ways. Either the parachutists are dropped as uniformed soldiers or they are dropped as spies. At the moment German spokesmen claim both.

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By BUD FISHER



# Nazis' 4 Voices To Britain

At least four German stations now pretend to be secret British broadcasting groups, a Diplomatic Correspondent states. Apparently the German authorities have at last become convinced that their official broadcasts in English are either boring or ridiculous. They still maintain them, but much of Goebbels's effort seems

to be devoted to the anonymous stations.

For some weeks he has been running the "New British Broadcasting Station"—a synthetic affair which specialises in being dull and out-of-date.

More lately the Germans have begun what they call the "Workers' Challenge Station"—probably a challenge to the workers to make out what the station is saying. News is given out in what is meant to be working-class idiom; all that happens is that—with careful German precision—a schoolboy's or a Billingsgate adjective is put with unfailing regularity in front of every noun. For the next station, the "Christian Peace Movement," the Germans turn easily from Billingsgate to blasphemy, freely quoting the Gospels to buttress Goebbels's campaign of the moment. The singing of a hymn usually brings the programme to a close.

Then there is "Radio Caledonia," which broadcasts supposedly depressing accounts of stocks, shares, and savings in Great Britain—clearly with the hope of appealing to the canny Scots mind.

Altogether, the day's vapourings from the Propagandaministerium have become both duller and in worse taste than before. Bremen has lost its novelty, and the Germans have devised nothing in its place.

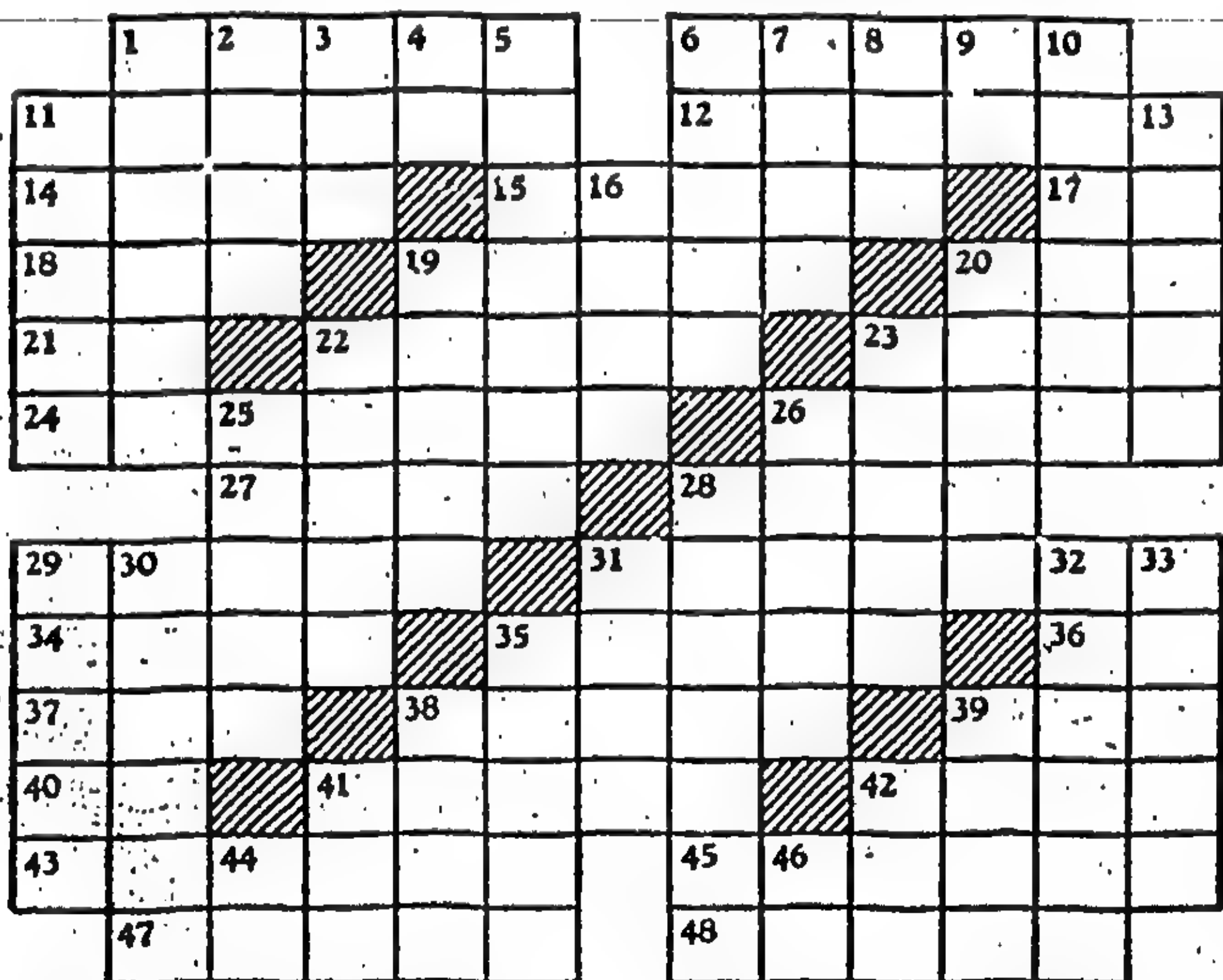
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- 6 Took illegally
- 11 City in Greece
- 12 To
- 14 Surpasses
- 15 Wrathful
- 17 Indo-Chinese language
- 18 To piece out
- 19 Apart
- 20 Worm
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 To pass smoothly
- 23 To release
- 24 Commands
- 25 Is afraid
- 27 Acorn-bearing tree
- 28 Vegetable
- 29 To dwell
- 31 Garmont-makers
- 34 Firearms
- 35 Is suspended
- 36 Interjection
- 37 Siamese coin
- 38 Gateway of a Buddhist temple
- 39 Wing
- 40 Pronoun

### VERTICAL

- 41 Started
- 42 Except
- 43 Cloud-like object in the sky
- 45 Takes origin
- 47 Part of a fortress
- 48 Vegetable dish

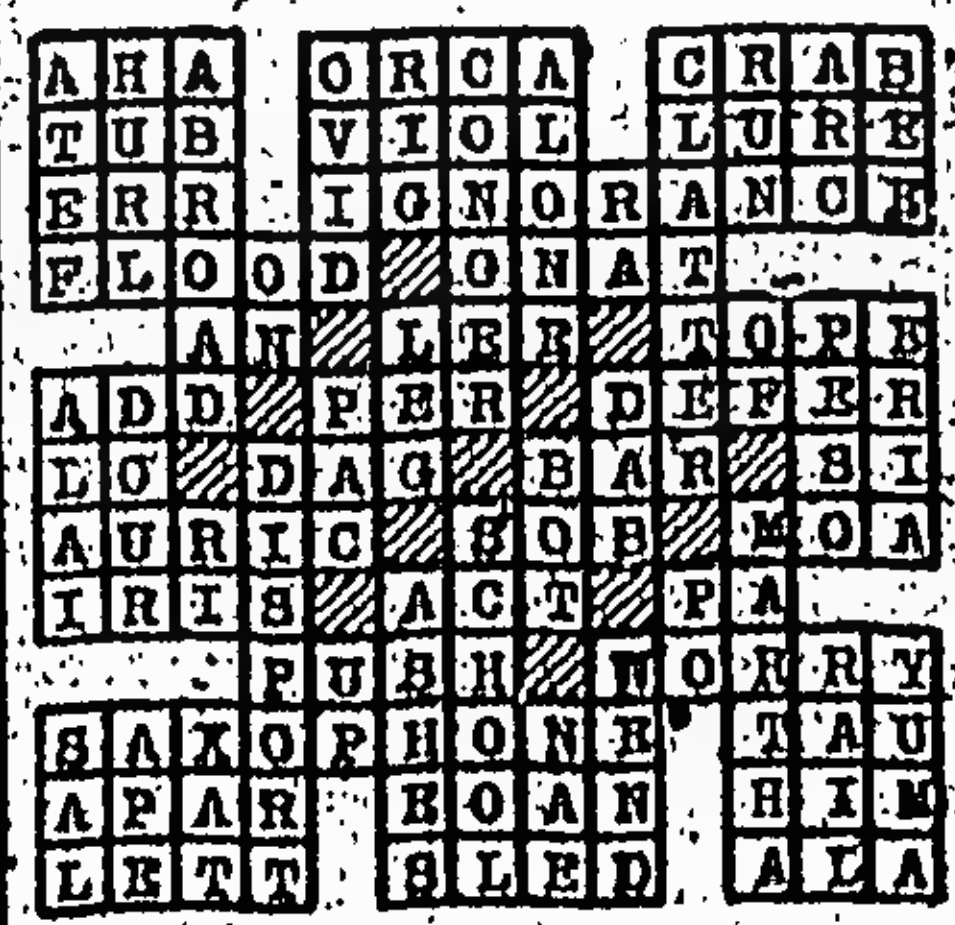
### 9 French article

- 1 United
- 2 To bind
- 3 Bitter vetch
- 4 Latin conjunction
- 5 Dried grapes
- 6 Furlong
- 7 To bear
- 8 To be obliged to

### 10 Rubber

- 11 Metric measure
- 13 Prescribed quantities of medicine
- 16 Disencumbers
- 19 Identical
- 20 Muse of lyric poetry
- 22 Urges
- 23 Thinks
- 25 Junction
- 26 To pretend
- 28 Tropical fruits
- 29 Once more
- 30 Churned milk
- 31 Ancient capital of Ireland
- 32 Swayed from side to side
- 33 One-horse vehicles
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## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



# BOMBING A BERLIN GASWORKS

## A Pilot's Experience

A flying officer in one of our heavy bomber squadrons described in a broadcast in the B.B.C. Home Service the scene which followed the bombing of a large gas works during a recent raid on Berlin. He said:—

We got a certain amount of anti-aircraft fire on the way out, but nothing remarkable. By the time we arrived there were already a lot of aircraft buzzing about, and flares were dropping all over the place. One could pick out streets and railways, small parks, and places like that.

Over the city the guns were letting off at us pretty heavily, but we were not hit. We found our target without any difficulty. It was a gas-generating plant only a few miles from the centre of Berlin. Someone else had started two fires in the north-east corner of it and we ran up from west to east. My second pilot was flying the aircraft and I was doing the bomb-aiming. By this time we were down to 8,000ft. and I could clearly see the outside of the works.

Perhaps I ought just to explain here, very briefly, how the bombing is done. The bomb-aimer is lying flat on his face in the nose of the aircraft, looking down through a large glass panel which takes the place of the floor. Allowances have to be made on the bomb sight for the speed and direction of the wind, the height and speed of the aircraft, and so on. Then, when the target comes in line with the pointers on the fore and back sight, the bomb-aimer presses the firing switch—and down they go.

## Terrific Sight

On this occasion when the bombs burst there were four huge explosions across the works. I think that the first one must have hit a gasometer; so far as I could see there was no other explanation for what happened.

There was a violent eruption upwards and outwards. It reminded me of a scene on the films. The first four large explosions were followed by a series of smaller explosions. Two huge fires started and great tongues of flame leaped up—I estimated that they must have been rising to 1,500ft.—then dense clouds of smoke began to pour out. It was the most terrific sight I have ever seen. The bombs had fallen about 50 yards apart. Almost immediately the fires and explosions seemed to link up, and for a distance of 200 yards through the works there was this great mass of flames.

Next, I saw our incendiaries falling on the western edge of the plant. They take longer to get down than the heavy bombs. What part of the works they hit I don't know, but I could see large clusters of brilliant coloured flashes on the ground. In the light of the explosions I had seen momentarily two long buildings and a tower. Then the aircraft passed over and I could not see any more from the front, but the rear gunner said he saw one of the buildings collapse in flames.

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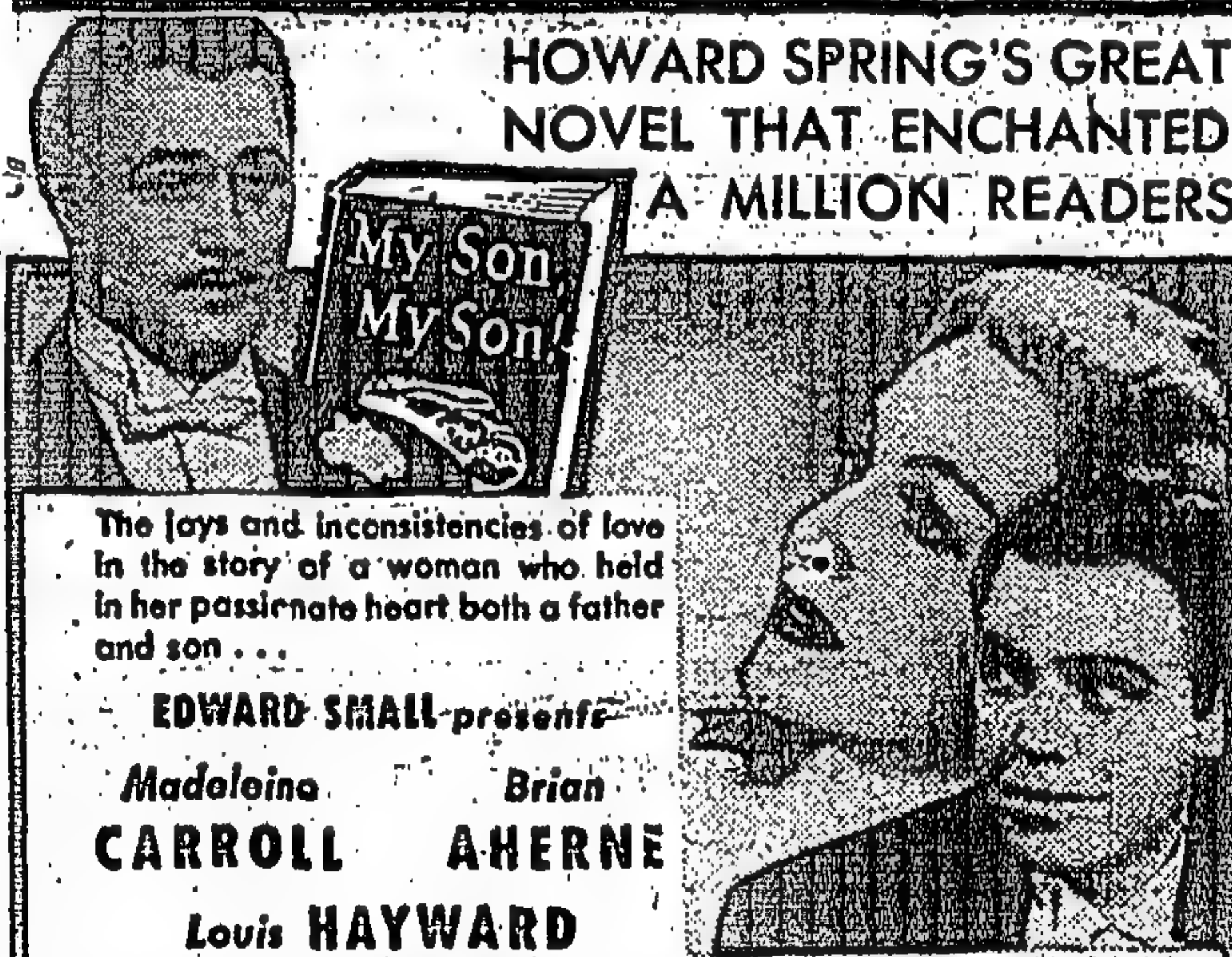
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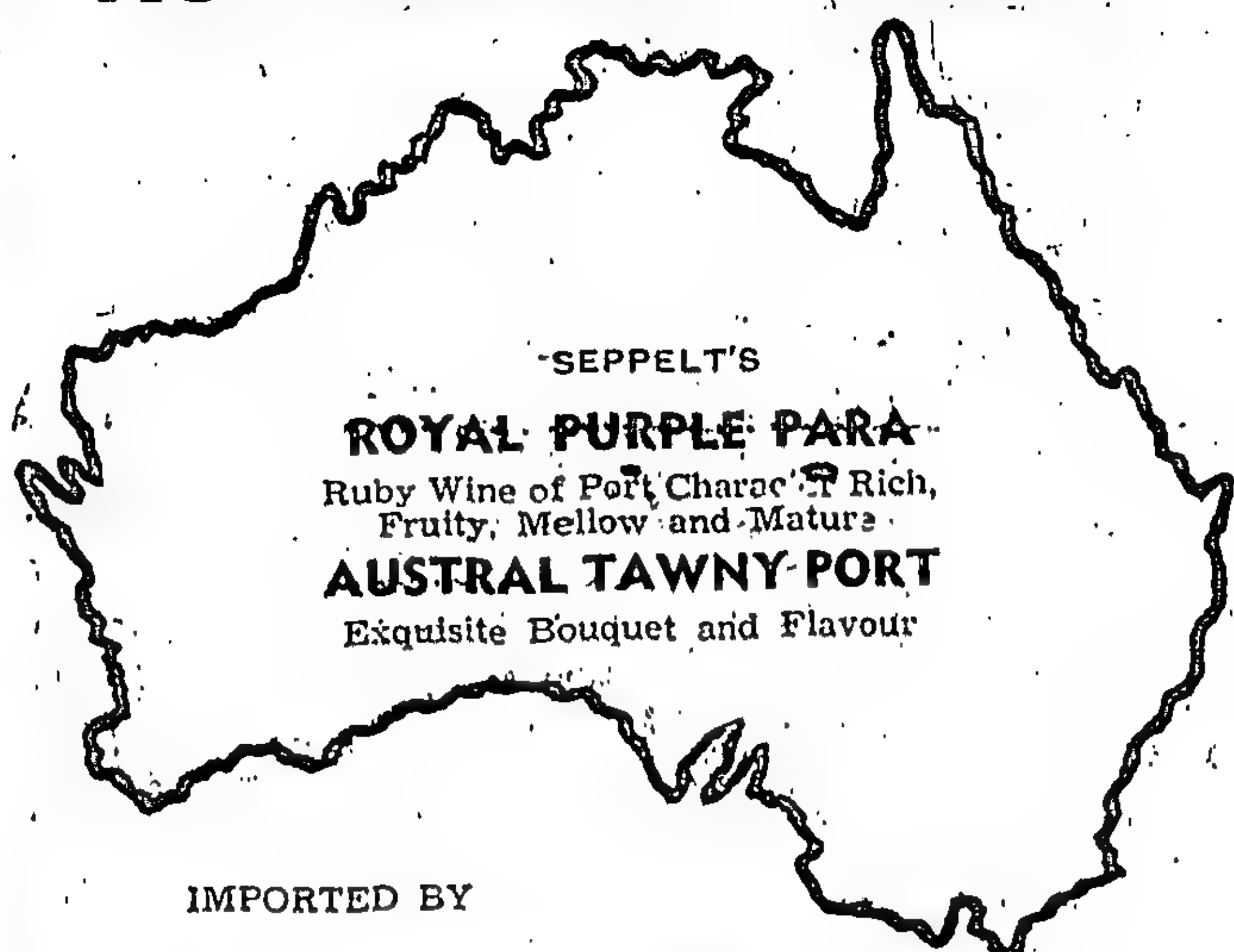
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# NEW PHASE IN THE GERMAN WAR OF NERVES

A POINT OF IMPORTANCE in the development of the war appeared after the failure of the massed aerial attacks some days earlier. It was the inauguration of "a war of nerves."

The phrase is one of the enemy's own invention which has been translated into every tongue and has taken this form in English. It signifies a form of attrition: the wearing down of an opponent by the gradual destruction of his morale before actual contact between large armed bodies takes place.

It is certain that this weapon was not intended to be final by our present enemies; and this for two reasons—it would require far too much time to be decisive even if there were any chance of its being so and it has proved in the past elsewhere to have an action not only too prolonged, but desultory.

### A New Weapon

But though obviously neither decisive nor sufficiently restricted in time, it has its importance. It has appeared in modern warfare (under the guidance of the enemy general staff) as a sort of new weapon, and when any new weapon appears it is our first duty, after the comprehension of the enemy mind, to comprehend the nature of that weapon; for only when we know it can it be countered.

There would seem to be two departments of this form of psychological pressure: (1) the material situation on either side; the comparative immunity of each from the effects of fear, whether on account of his geographical position or his superior armament; (2) the intrinsic nature of the manoeuvre—that is, the lines along which it is compelled to move by the motives and methods at work in the use of it.

### The Decisive Force

In the case of a war of nerves we begin and long remain at a disadvantage in the first of these departments, because the enemy has round him a ring of territory which is occupied by his armies but not inhabited by his own people. In other words, we can only attack his native territory at long range; he can attack ours at very short range. He has no superiority in armament proper. On the contrary, in one main form of armament, that of the air, he has already shown a distinct inferiority. But he has a superiority in numbers by land and by air as against his inferiority by sea.

The geographical advantage he enjoys by the remoteness of his territory and its protection under a belt of territory and population other than his own may well continue till nearly the end of the struggle. On the other hand, the numerical advantage he enjoys, though it will continue in the matter of land forces and be there almost overwhelming, will not continue in the matter of air force. And the latter is, if invasion falls, the decisive and determining thing in this conflict in the long run. We are building faster than he is, we can import from a large field. If the race continues upon these lines the ultimate preponderance of our air power is assured.

### British Advantage

In the second of the two departments, the intrinsic nature of a "war of nerves," we notice two main points. First, that such a pressure is exerted upon two separate bodies, the mass of civilian life and the organised armed forces. Second, that the pressure works by cumulative effect; that is, it hopes to be successful by the added shocks and sufferings inflicted upon an opponent.

Now this country possesses here a special advantage over those which the enemy has hitherto over-run: an advantage which may be the direct product of insular conditions coupled with superiority at sea but is not immediately connected with those conditions.

Our advantage lies in the fuller preparation which we now enjoy. As against this, there is, of course, the delay in armament; but, considering a war of nerves alone, this factor of preparation is of the highest value.

We have been fully warned. We have fully envisaged the peril and we have steadily accumulated our moral and material defences for the meeting of it. This is especially remarkable in the irregular forces developed—the forces which, though armed, are not organised as permanent military units. At first the enemy threatened to apply to these his time-honoured doctrine of military execution as it was carried out during the war of 1870 against the French franc-tireurs and was threatened against the Norwegians some months ago and is being threatened even as we write against the Dutch. But after a brief consideration the enemy abandoned his thesis of general massacre in the case of the British. Our voluntary organisation had gone too far in extent and training for the threat to be safely continued.

### The Enemy's Strain

Let us never forget, whenever we consider the war of nerves, that the enemy, in spite of his advantages, especially his material advantages of distance and number, is more vulnerable than we. He also is under a strain within his own society, and looks forward with apprehension to the future. He excels in tenacity under conditions of full military organisation, as the whole history of the Prussian army proves. But that history equally proves that he does not excel in fighting against odds after defeat begins. Indeed, he has hardly ever undertaken the task. When he breaks he crumbles.

## CREW OF BOMBER SAVED

### Adrift in Dinghy For 84 Hours

DESPITE GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT THE RESCUE, COASTAL COMMAND PLANES AND WARSHIPS SAVED THE CREW OF A BRITISH BOMBER WHO HAD BEEN ADRIFT IN THE NORTH SEA IN A RUBBER DINGHY FOR 84 HOURS.

Hudson and Anson aircraft were sent out every hour from dawn to dusk for three and a half days in an attempt to locate the dinghy and guide warships to it. German planes continually attempted to interfere, making it necessary for fighters to be sent out on protective patrols.

The British planes three times saw the dinghy tossing in heavy seas. It was bitterly cold.

It was impossible to keep the dinghy under observation for longer than five minutes at a time. A parcel of comforts was dropped at the end of the first day, but those in the dinghy were unable to recover it. They picked up a second parcel, however, on the third day.

Warships eventually picked up the survivors, who had drifted 70 miles.

## REMINDER OF OUR POWER

It is impossible to over-rate the importance of the information about Admiral Cunningham's recent operations in the Mediterranean. Both in the Admiralty bulletin and in one or two guarded sentences in the Prime Minister's review of the position there are clear indications that we have seized the initiative in that theatre of war and that all the circumstances are favourable.

First, one must note the Prime Minister's disclosure that "a few days ago we found it possible almost to double the effective strength of our fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean by sending some of our most modern and powerful vessels to reinforce the flag of Sir Andrew Cunningham." It will not be beyond the capacity of the Italian General Staff to deduce the nature of these reinforcements. That we should be able to spare units of that strength from service in the North Sea must, surely, be the clearest possible indication that we have no fear of our ability to cope with any sea-borne invasion plans of Hitler.

### Stream Of Convoys

A second most significant disclosure came in the Premier's brief phrase "We have not hesitated to send a stream of convoys of reinforcements to the Middle East." Stoppage of our normal commercial traffic through the Mediterranean has created an impression that we were unable to move any traffic there. This is a complete misapprehension of the position. On two or three occasions Admiralty bulletins have contained references to the safe passage of military convoys from Gibraltar to Alexandria. The operations of the past week were partly concerned with more movement of that kind, but they have a deeper significance still.

It is to be noted that Sir Andrew Cunningham's main force and a subsidiary squadron, working in the western basin, which may possibly still be commanded by Admiral Sir James Somerville, who was in control of the operations at Oran, have for a period of six days operated freely throughout the 2,000 miles between Gibraltar and Alexandria and have undertaken offensive operations against Italian shore bases without serious challenge.

The British Mediterranean Fleet, in fact, has demonstrated to the whole world that it is the dominating influence throughout both the eastern and western basins of the Mediterranean and that it can ensure for our military authorities the free use of that waterway for the transport of any expeditionary force that it is desired to move into that arena.

### Attack On Bases

The offensive operations against Rhodes and Scarpanto (or Karpathos) have more psychological than strategic importance. They will have considerable effect on opinion in Turkey and the Middle East generally, for the Italian propaganda machine has steadily built up a legend of the immense importance of these islands and the great military strength that they give Italy. The legend is baseless and the Sydney and the Orion have exposed the weakness of the Italian position. Such advance bases can be utilised only by a Power which has sea control. Without it they are hostages to fortune, as we showed time and again in the West Indies and in the Indian Ocean in the old wars against Spain and France.

### GIRL MUST BE INDOORS BY 9

When 17-year-old Priscilla Whiteman, a machinist of Alexandra Road, Norwich, was put on probation for two years at Norwich for stealing a bicycle, she was ordered to be indoors every night by 9 p.m. unless she was with her mother.

The girl was alleged to have told a police constable that, being unemployed, she stole the bicycle to go in search of a job, and afterwards sold the machine.



# CHINA MAIL

## "PUNCTUALITY"

Apparently Dr. Joe Goebbels has not yet despaired of his "war of nerves"; the art and practice of "talking big" is again in full swing in the German press over the terrifying consequences of the Dictators' meeting. The Berlin "Borsen Zeitung" is particularly formidable — on paper. "The decisions taken," we are told, "will take effect with clock-like punctuality and the irresistible force of an elemental phenomenon." But it will be noticed that no time-table has been issued to the German citizens patiently waiting in their air-raid shelters; there will, therefore, be no opportunity of checking the "clock-like punctuality" of the impending operations. Considering how exceedingly unpunctual Adolf the All-Terrible was in his various schedules for invading England and taking up his residence at Buckingham Palace, there is much to be said for a little vagueness.

The "irresistible force of an elemental phenomenon" makes a pretty good mouthful, but it is by no means sure that it is, in the circumstances, an altogether happy one. About the most obvious "elemental phenomenon" whose "irresistible force" can be calculated in advance is the tides — and those at once turn the mind to thoughts of the Channel and gales and barges and bombs and British Navies and all sorts of things that seem to be far beyond the control of the German general staffs.

However, Dr. Joe and his minions, in indulging in these large and semi-scientific threats, can certainly plead that they are exploiting a good old German custom. Even in the days of Bismarck German newspapers used a professorial approach to the fee-fo-fi-fum business of terrifying their opponents. There was a famous case in 1870 which left most of the languages of Europe with a phrase the origin of which is now almost entirely forgotten. In discussing the impending bombardment of Paris the "Kreuz-Zeitung" had argued that one of the things that would have to be allowed for in timing the assault and producing the maximum effect on French citizens would be "das psychologische Moment," which actually meant the psychological momentum or factor. Fervid French journalists seized eagerly on this new

The reconstruction of Mr. Churchill's Ministry may well remind those of us who have long, or longish, political memories of the great administrative shake-up which made history 24 years ago.

In December, 1916, Mr. Lloyd George became Prime Minister, with the enthusiastic approval of a great majority of the nation, and proceeded at once to transform entirely the organisation of the supreme executive authority. To look back upon the work of reform that followed is to realise anew how much the country owed to its author. Things that seemed only natural at the outbreak of this war were unheard of then. There had been no War Cabinet until Mr. Lloyd George created the first one, consisting of, besides himself, Mr. Bonar Law, as leader of the Conservative party, Mr. Henderson, as a representative of Labour, and Lord Milner, as the possessor of administrative talents of the first order—a new recruit who had in his time been branded by the new Prime Minister as a "prancing pro-consul."

Their average age was 56. None of them had departmental duties, because these, it was thought, might have interfered with their concentration on the work of supreme direction of the war effort. Lord Milner and Mr. Henderson were, indeed, Ministers without portfolio of any kind.

Mr. Churchill, it is clear, has decided that this was a principle that had not proved its usefulness. His new War Cabinet, now enlarged from six members to eight, includes but three Ministers

example of the German passion for "talking big." Unfortunately, they mis-translated the German noun and made fun of the phrase as meaning the "psychological moment" of time. The combination of German pedantry and French vivacity in the matter of mistranslation has ever since left Europe with an imposing phrase which, strictly speaking, means next to nothing at all—in which, of course, it resembles many of the all-Nordic efforts of Dr. Joe Goebbels himself.

so unencumbered — Mr. Attlee, Mr. Greenwood and Sir John Anderson. The rest, headed by Mr. Churchill himself, who func-

## By E. C. Bentley

tions as Minister of Defence in addition to carrying the Premiership, are the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Minister of Labour, and the Minister of Aircraft Production. Their average age is 59½.

## To-day's Additional Ministries

Consider, again, the Departments of State which now are accepted as ordinary and indispensable features of our system of administration. Before Mr. Lloyd George came upon the scene there was no Minister of Transport; there was no Air Minister; there was no Minister of Labour; there was no Minister of Food; no Minister of Shipping; no Minister of Pensions; no Minister of National Service; no Minister of Blockade — or as the title now runs, of Economic Warfare; no Ministry of Supply. A number of Parliamentary Secretariats, since found to be indispensable for the working of their Departments, had not been established.

Mr. Churchill and his predecessors in office since the end of Mr. Lloyd George's tenure of power have been the inheritors of a vast new administrative apparatus which could be, at need, turned over immediately to the tasks of war on the great scale. For this we have indeed reason to be thankful, for the kind of warfare initiated by the Nazi Government of Germany has left us little time for the initiating of new departments in the business of government.

Yet such departures there have been. Most notable and successful in the Ministry of Aircraft Production. There is the Ministry of Home Security, combined at present with the Home Secretaryship. There is the new-born Ministry of Works and Buildings, added to the responsibilities of the First Commissioner of Works. And there is, of course, the Ministry of Information, often a target for bitter criticism, but certainly indispensable in some form for the discharge of its proper functions.

Mr. Lloyd George it was who broke with a tradition held sacred until then by introducing into the high places of Government men who were without experience of or taste for political life; men chosen for their proved ability in

business administration. There were representatives of railways, textiles, coal, hardware, chemicals, newspapers, oil, margarine and sugar.

## Many Spheres

At the Admiralty was Sir Eric Geddes, fresh from railway management. His brother, Sir Auckland, of McGill University, who crossed as a member of the Canadian forces, became Minister of National Service, and Lord Rhondda, whose main experience lay in the Welsh coalfields, was made Minister of Health. Lord Weir was drawn from the engineering trade to be the first Air Minister, and Lord Rothermere was the second. Lord Cowdray, whose interests were in the engineering and oil industries, was given the separate post of President of the Air Board.

Lord Beaverbrook had his first experience of office as Chancellor of the Duchy. Lord Devonport, chairman of the Port of London Authority, was Minister of Food. Sir J. P. Macleay was the first Minister of Shipping — his own province — and Sir S. H. Lever shared with Mr. Stanley Baldwin the duties of Financial Secretary to the Treasury. All these were appointments of the new order, and some were brilliantly successful.

For the carrying on of the present war the Government's net has not been cast so widely. But Mr. Churchill has among his colleagues Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, who has spent his life in the direction of a great retail trading concern; Lord Hankey, who has been in the secrets of a number of Cabinets, but never in politics, holds an advisory post as Chancellor of the Duchy; Sir John Reith, called to office from the headship of Imperial Airways, is now translated by Mr. Churchill to the newly-created position of Minister of Works and Buildings — and assuredly a Herculean labour awaits him.

Lord Beaverbrook, one of the leading figures in the newspaper world, has been an answer to prayer, as Americans say, in the Ministry of Aircraft Production. All these are men whom the war emergency has brought into office, and whose services the country could ill have spared.

If we come to consider the picture of politics, the atmosphere of public life as it was in the days of the Lloyd George War Ministry and as it is now, the contrast is striking indeed. To-day there is no organised Opposition; no, nor an unorganised one.

## National Unity Then And Now

We have as Prime Minister a statesman who has had enemies enough in his stormy career; where is there one to-day? His great predecessor of the last war — to whose genius Mr. Churchill has borne telling tribute — was hated from first to last by many who could not clear their minds of the vapour of party vindictiveness. The "sniping" of his Government by an impotent but vocal opposition was among the most depressing features of Parliamentary life in those days.

There was bitter fighting over matters, such as Conscription, which in these times a people schooled in the necessities of war has accepted with eagerness, as a matter of course. There was a not inconsiderable body of opinion that clamoured for "stopping the war" long before a decision in our favour was even in distant prospect.

Never in all our history has there been a time when it could be said, as it can be to-day, that the nation was of a single mind upon a life-and-death public issue, and looked unanimously upon the head of the Government as the right man in the right place.

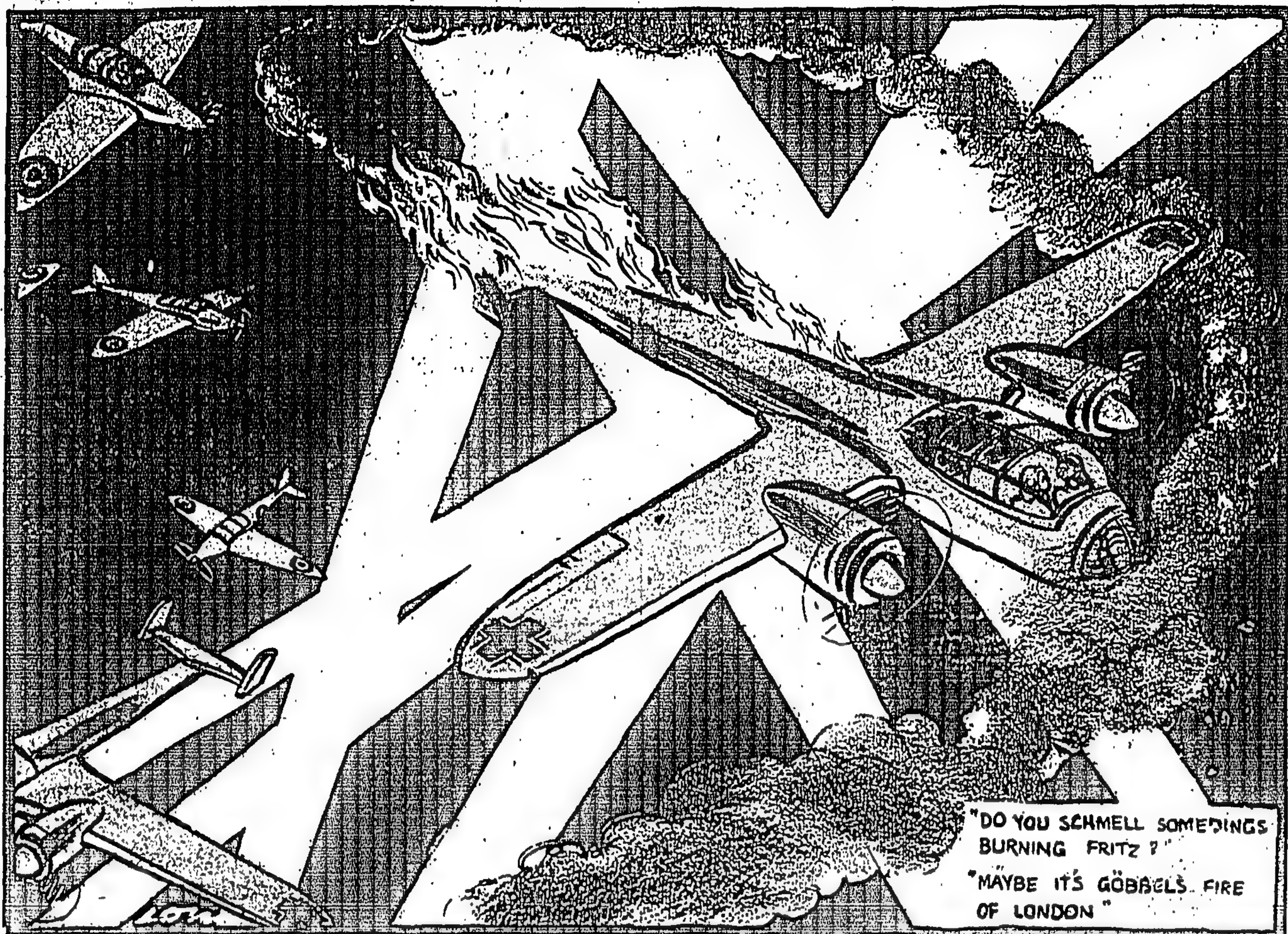
Moreover, over all our public life in 1916 brooded the spectre of Irish disaffection, with all its promise of miseries and horrors soon to come; a prospect to sicken the hearts of those who had enough to grasp of the situation to foresee even a part of the outcome. Whatever view may be taken of the condition of affairs in that country nowadays, we are at least free of that permanent anxiety.

## The Premier's Greatest Hour

When Mr. Churchill took office he told his countrymen, in an address that few of them will ever forget, that Britain would continue the war against barbarism "if necessary for years, if necessary alone."

There were not many who shared his knowledge of the fatal facts on which that grim intimation was founded. But when the worst had happened there was but a single will throughout the nation — to support to the very last the leadership that had not flinched from warning them of impending calamity and peril and hardship.

Mr. Churchill has waited many years for his hour: it has come to him now with a fulness of honour that the greatest and most fortunate of statesmen known to history well might envy.

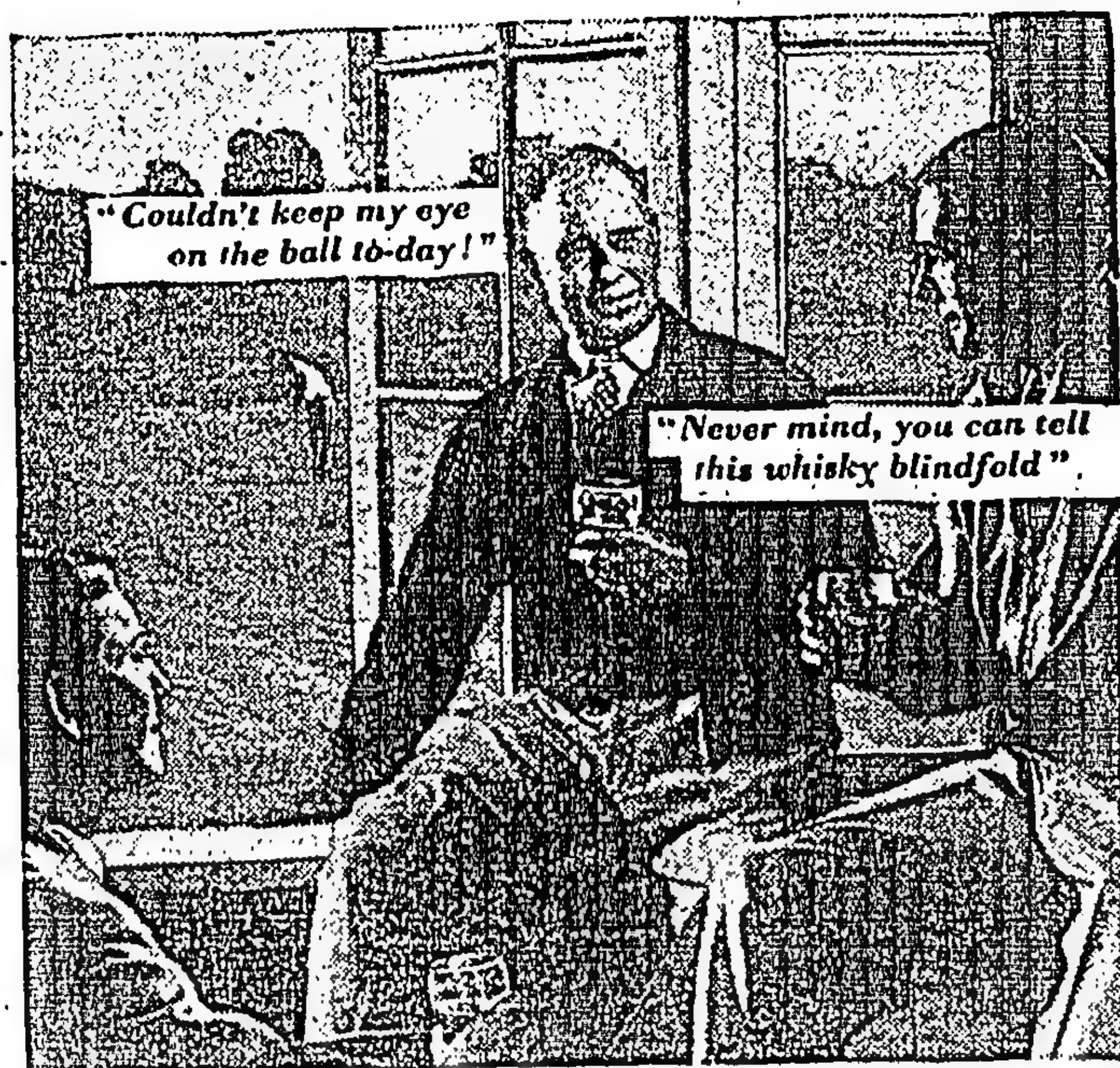


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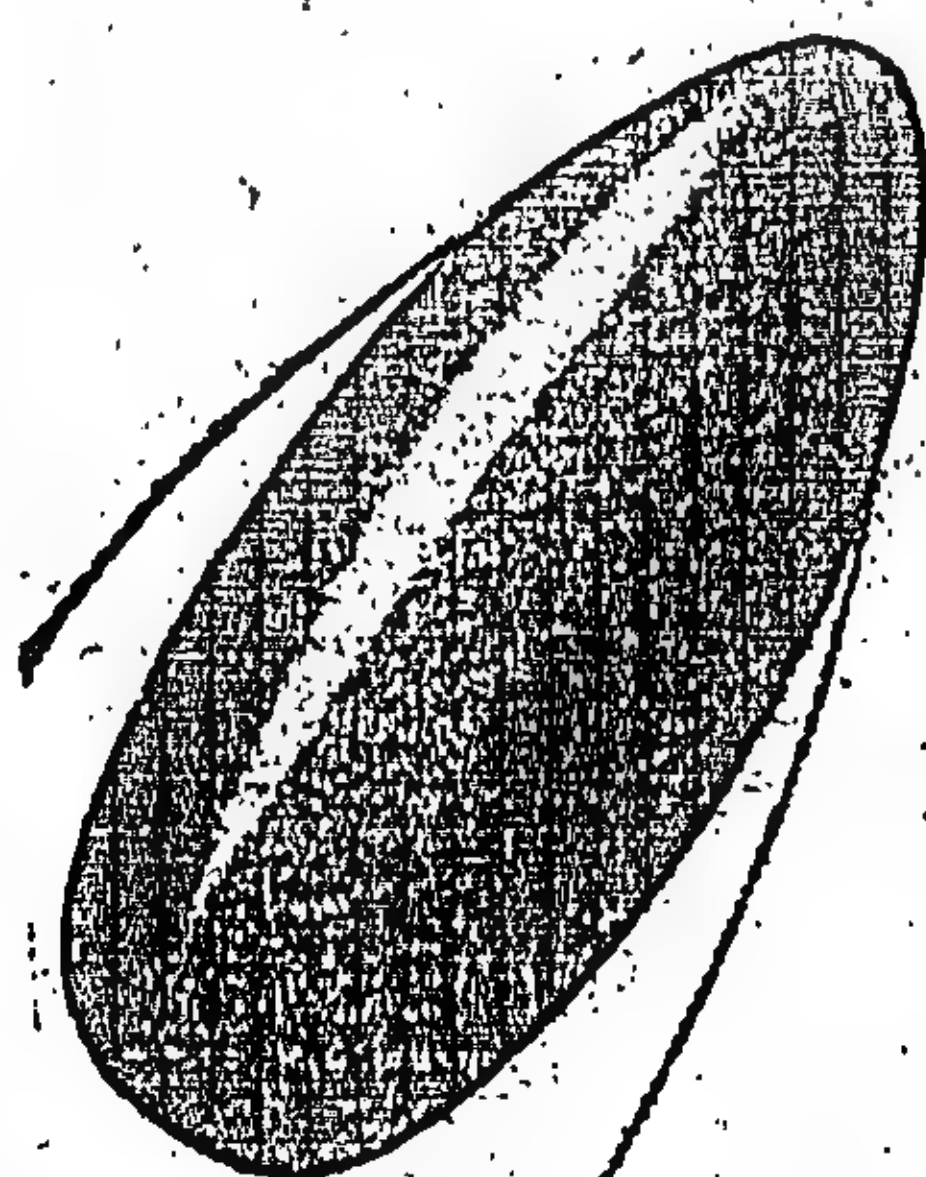
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# INSPIRING HOME GUARD STORY

THE STORY of the growth of the Home Guard may be told in the future as one of the most inspiring of the war.

Several weeks ago the Guard did not exist. Today the name connotes a million and a half men, divided into zones and groups, battalions, companies, platoons, and sections, led by experienced soldiers, bristling with expert shots, and secure in the esteem of the Regular Army.

All the Guards now have rifles. Soon every man will have his denim overalls or battle dress. They are to be given steel helmets with eye shades, greatcoats, and service respirators. Regular soldiers are drilling them. They will have special instruction in machine-gun, mortar, and anti-tank technique.

Within less than four months an entirely new and already soundly based force has been born in Britain, and although for the moment recruiting has been suspended the supply of men—age-limits seventeen and sixty-five—is very far from exhausted.

Space is to be provided at Hurlingham Polo Ground for a new training school, intended primarily for Home Guard members in the London area and the home counties. It will be run on the same lines as that at Osterley Park, where members from all over the country are being trained.

A few days ago the Home Guard brought down its first aircraft. In various places its members have arrested crashed German airmen. There is competence here as well as enthusiasm. The authorities have made sure that every man is physically fit—a wise precaution—and the Guard is well led by commanders of whom many have had distinguished experience in the Regular Army.

### Sir H. Gough's Suggestion

General Sir Hubert Gough raised an important point in a letter to "The Times." Referring to Mr. Eden's statement that there are to be "no commissioned or non-commissioned ranks" in the Home Guard, Sir Hubert pointed out "the extreme danger of such a decision," arguing that the exercise of leadership in battle and of ordinary discipline cannot be enforced in any military unit without a properly constituted body of officers and N.C.O.s.

To this argument General Sir Alexander Godley, himself a platoon commander, replied that although he, his company commander, and section leaders were not known by any military rank and were not conscious of being commissioned or non-commissioned, the "chain of command" seemed to work very well.

The point will be much debated. But the Home Guard has so firm a backbone of ex-Regular soldiers that its discipline, if not of the rigid pipeclay-and-polish variety, is good enough to inspire belief in the effective working of the force.

It has been pointed out that the principle of leadership is recognised fully, that the leaders, their titles and badges are respected as in any other force, and that the Guard is not likely to suffer in the way Sir Hubert fears.

### The Molotoff Cocktail

The Home Guard is rapidly increasing and strengthening its co-operation with the Regular Army. Its members, who might have to bear the first stab of an invasion, are being taught to hold and harass the enemy, to hunt down tanks, and to use such weapons as machine-guns, mortars, and the remarkably disturbing Molotoff cocktail.

In effect, the "cocktails" are similar to those used in the Russo-Finnish war and also in the Spanish civil war. They are calculated, when well aimed, to reduce a tank to a flaming ruin in a few seconds.

The military instructors are coaching selected numbers of the Guard in many forms of modern warfare. The men also learn map-reading and the elements of scouting.

## NEUTRALS CAN TOUR DAMAGED AREA

In contrast with the restrictions imposed by the Nazis on neutral journalists in Berlin, journalists of neutral countries in Britain enjoy almost complete freedom of movement when visiting districts which have been bombed by the enemy.

They are not shepherded into conducted parties as in Germany, where they are allowed to see only that which the authorities permit them to see. Neutral journalists working in Britain carry special Press certificates which have been issued to them. In London the production of this certificate enables the holder to go wherever he likes to make an independent investigation after a raid.

In the case of areas which have been declared prohibited areas in a legal sense, the procedure is for the neutral journalist to get in touch with the chief constable for the area. The latter arranges for him to receive a permit to circulate in that area and go where he likes.

## PARIS UNDER NAZIS, IS WORLD'S DARKEST CITY

AFTER HOLDING for many decades the undisputed title of the "City of Light," Paris is now probably the darkest capital, for the German authorities have decreed that residents must observe with the strictest care the black-out regulations, and add "no negligence will be tolerated."

Curfew hour, writes a special correspondent, who has just returned from Paris, has been fixed at 9 p.m., and after that hour any person found in the streets will be arrested and detained at the police station for the night.

Although a number of leading cinemas are now open again, they show mainly programmes of a pronounced pro-Nazi flavour. All British and American films are strictly barred, as well as foreign news reels.

### Boxer Absent

Most visitors to Paris know the Bar Carpentier, the cocktail bar run by Georges Carpentier the boxer. This bar is now open, but under the direction of a manager as Georges himself has not yet returned, but is still at Vichy engaged in a match to the finish with Jean Borotra, the French tennis ace.

The object of the match, so far as Carpentier is concerned, is to gain funds to continue his maintenance of a number of his old sparring partners who are now without means of support. It is learned in Paris that the air route between Marseilles and

## WORLD'S BEST AIR SHELTER

Ramsgate has, in the words of Mr. H. R. Knickerbocker, the famous American journalist, "the best air-raid shelter in the world." To this he attributes the light casualty list when 50 bombers swooped on the town, dropping 500 bombs in 4½ minutes, and damaging nearly a thousand houses.

The experience of this residential seaside town is reviving the controversy about the wisdom or otherwise of deep air-raid shelters.

Many London boroughs, Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle, Dover, Southport and a host of other authorities tried before the war to get the Government to sanction schemes for shelters in business and thickly populated areas which would be so deep that they would give absolute security. The Home Office declared generally against these schemes on the ground that it was impracticable to provide sufficient deep shelters to which the people would have access during raids.

The Ramsgate scheme was twice rejected (when it was first put forward it was declared to be "premature"), but the council submitted it a third time and pressed it so strongly that the Government approved it in March of last year.

Now the shelter is in almost daily use. It has accommodation for 60,000 people (nearly double the peace-time population), has 23 entrances which can be reached in four to five minutes from any of the main parts of the town.

It is nearly three miles long and is cut through the chalk under the central part of the town, its galleries, 80ft. below ground, are brightly lighted. It has its own generating station in case the town electrical supply fails, first-aid posts equipped with all medical necessities, and a system of loud-speakers to relay wireless programmes and announcements.

Ramsgate owes this shelter to the persistence of its council, who succeeded where other authorities failed, and to its geological advantages which minimised the engineering difficulties.

Ajaccio is now running again. Cafes are doing brisk trade in the Champs Elysees and the Grands Boulevards as well as in the Montmartre and Latin quarters.

Laval, vice-president of the Petain Government, has just passed four days in Paris, during which he had general conferences with German authorities there, and had a discussion with Abetz.

It is reported that the emoluments for Secretaries General appointed through Vichy by the law of July 15 amount to no less than 150,000 francs a year.

### Car Ban

The Journal Officiel publishes a decree that civil and military cars can only be used on obtaining a special authorisation. This permit is only granted for uses judged to be indispensable, for continuing important public services, and particularly the distribution of food and provisions.



# FOUGHT FIRES WHILE BOMBS FELL

IN BETWEEN air raids shopkeepers in London's bombed areas were doing a roaring trade — even though some of them had only half a shop left, and much of their stock had been ruined. The anxiety of housewives to get in food for the next day before another warning sounded accounted for the exceptionally heavy morning trade.

A communique issued by the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security announced: — "Enemy attacks during last night were dispersed over many parts of the country. Reports indicate that although a considerable number of enemy aircraft were engaged they did not cause heavy damage.

"High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in the London area, apparently haphazardly. Damage was done to houses and buildings in residential districts. Some casualties have been reported.

There were a number of casualties, nine fatal, in the Midlands town that was bombed.

Six H. E. bombs fell on a working-class quarter, demolishing several houses.

Nine people, including seven small children, standing at the doorway of their home, had a remarkable escape. When a bomb scored a direct hit on an adjoining house they were thrown backwards by the blast and blown partly upstairs.

A man, woman and child lie dead in the mortuary of one London hospital. A little boy who had his skull fractured by a bomb splinter is not expected to recover. His mother, who is also the mother of a girl who was killed, is a patient in the same hospital.

Three more bodies recovered from ruined houses are in a mortuary of an adjoining district.

In the house which suffered the main force, a married couple and their adult daughter were buried under the wreckage.

## Council Flats Hit

A North London area suffered badly during the night raids. Many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

A block of Council flats was hit, but most of the occupants were sheltering. Those who remained in their homes, however, escaped serious injury.

Incendiary bombs lit up the district. Bricks fell in the grounds

## ITALY'S SECRET WEAPON

A bomb which is a combination of a hand grenade and a miniature magnetic mine and which resembles in shape and size a vacuum flask is being dropped in hundreds from Italian planes upon the Western Desert and Egypt.

The bombs are called "Mussolini's secret weapon," and they go off at the slightest touch.

The "Sunday Despatch's" correspondent in the Western Desert says that every morning the British forces find the desert littered with the booby traps. Sappers go out and mark the position of each bomb with a red flag. Later the bombs are exploded by rifle fire or by lassoing them with a long rope, the jerking of which sets them off.

"The idea," the correspondent says, "is to scatter the bombs among the camps and aerodromes along the roads, where it is hoped that they will act as traps for the unwary. The British forces were not taken in by them, even on the first day they were tried out. The bombs produce a surprisingly loud and spectacular explosion, capable of doing considerable damage to any lorry which fails to avoid the trap."

Usually the bombs roll under the camel scrub, and some become partially hidden in the loose sand.

of a large house in the same road. Another house was set on fire and damaged.

## STRANGE SOUNDS IN LONDON

New forms of defence and attack have been used during the past few night raids on London.

Citizens heard thunderous explosions disintegrating into staccato cracks high in the heavens. There was also a muffled rattling, which has been dubbed "carpet slipper" machine-gun fire.

Another of the new strange noises is a curious flat roar, which suggests that something has struck an imaginary ceiling miles up and bumped clamorously along the top of the sky.

These queer noises actually are caused by new types of weapons or well-tried weapons adapted to new uses. There are also new types of shells, whose composition and effect are secret. New and more elaborate types of "flaming onions" have been noticed also.

German surprises include a parachute bomb, described as shiny and cigar-shaped. Apparently it is constructed of an aluminium alloy, and is designed to float down gently and explode after landing.

## SON OF PROMINENT NAZI CAPTURED

The Vicar of Mapledurham, the Rev. E. L. Macassey, reveals in his parish magazine that the son of one of Hitler's most eminent air advisers is a prisoner in Britain.

He adds: "The young man, when captured, ripped off a special Nazi decoration, and said, 'I do not want this ever again.'"

## DISEASE IN ITALY

By A Diplomatic Correspondent FROM A NEUTRAL DIPLOMATIST JUST RETURNED FROM ITALY IT IS LEARNED THAT AS A SEQUEL TO PREVAILING MALNUTRITION THE DISEASE PELLAGRA HAS AGAIN MADE AN APPEARANCE THERE.

This was formerly a scourge of the rice-growing areas and certain other Northern agricultural districts where the peasants lived on pollenta, a dish made from maize, and on little else. It was at one time believed to be produced by diseased maize, but was later traced to a lack of vitamins.

Those affected begin by showing debility and inability to work; in the later stages of severe cases the brain is affected. What appears to be lacking in Italy is a balanced diet. There are four meatless days a week, which means that macaroni and pollenta are the staple foods and are too little varied.

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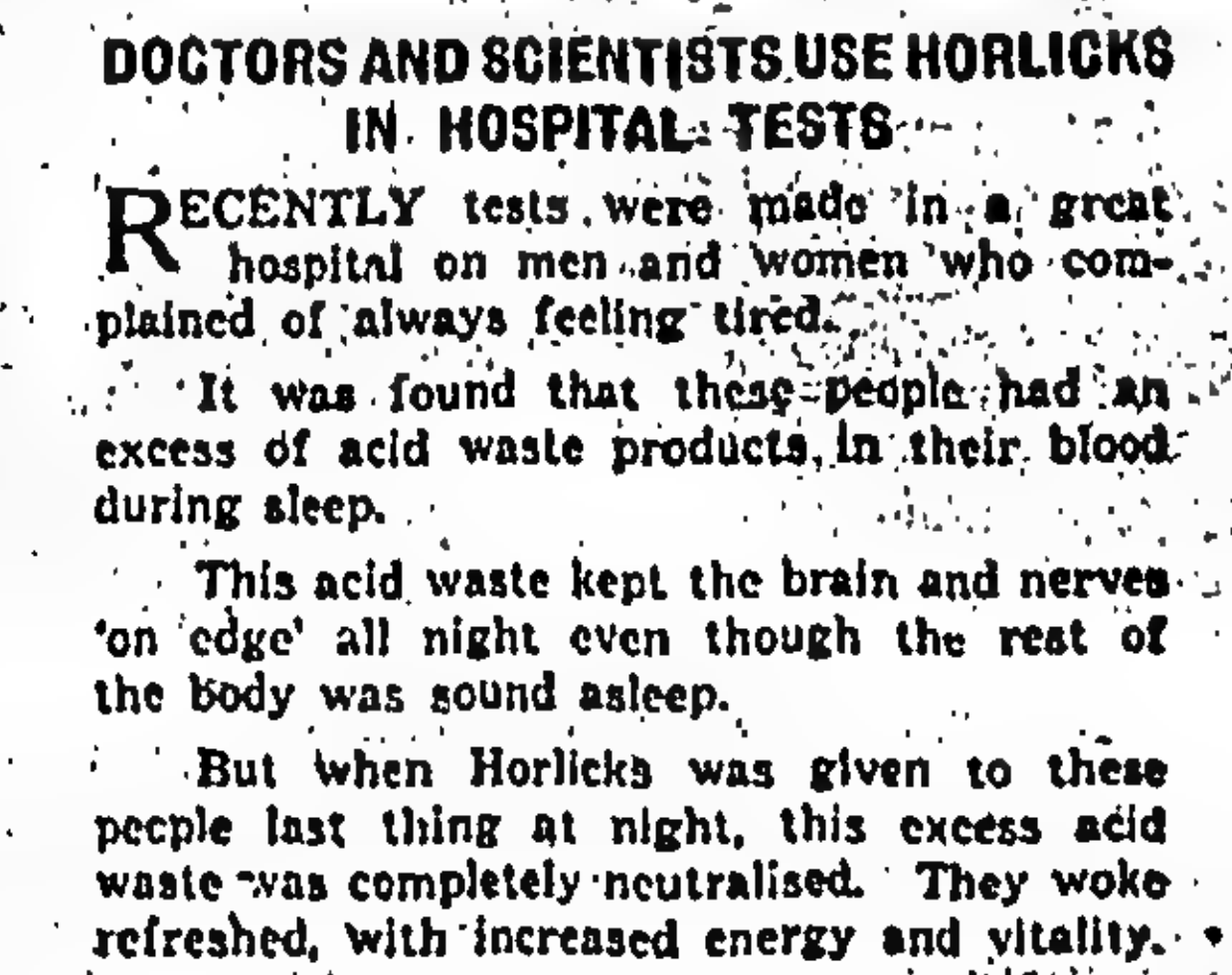
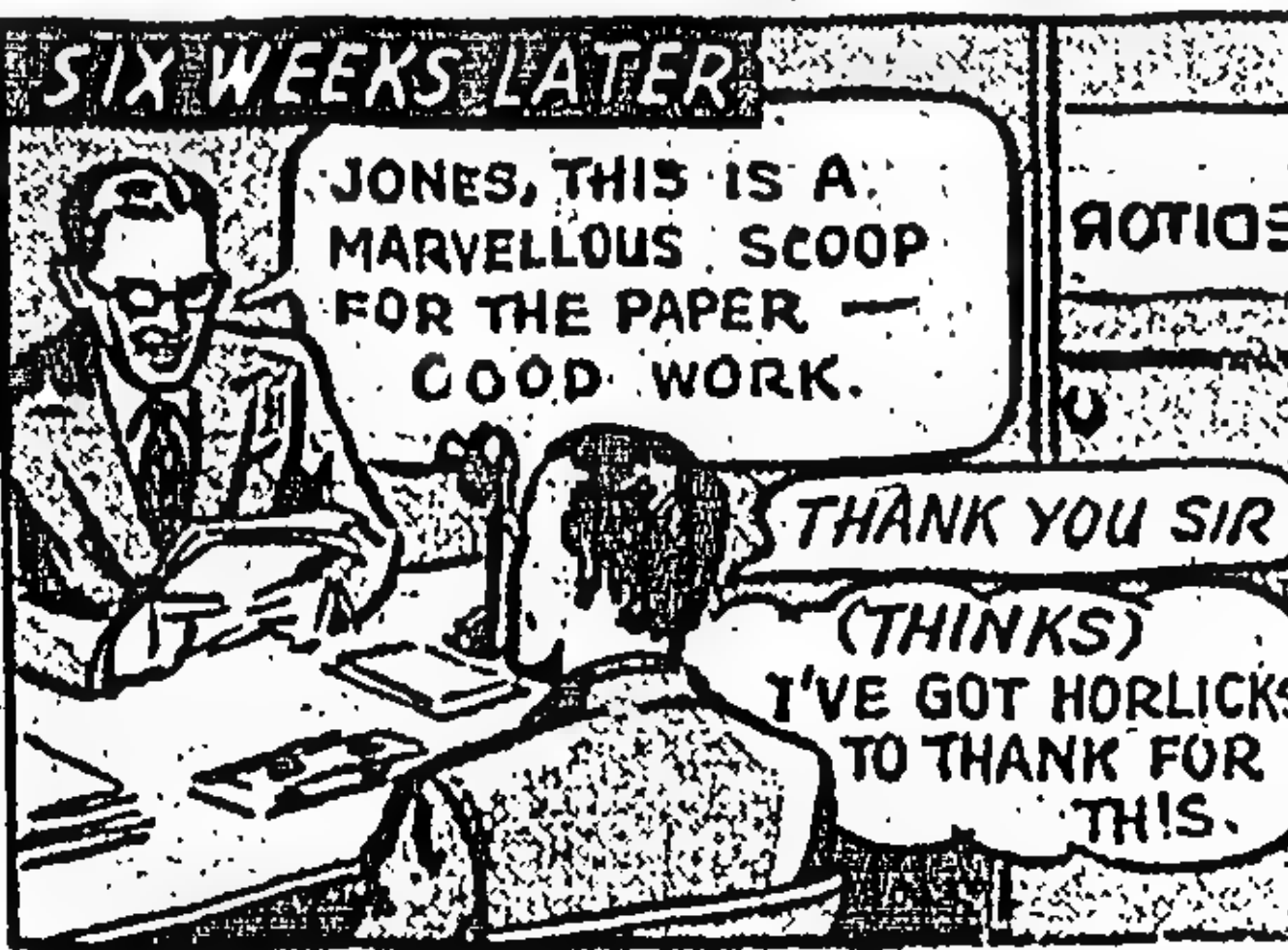
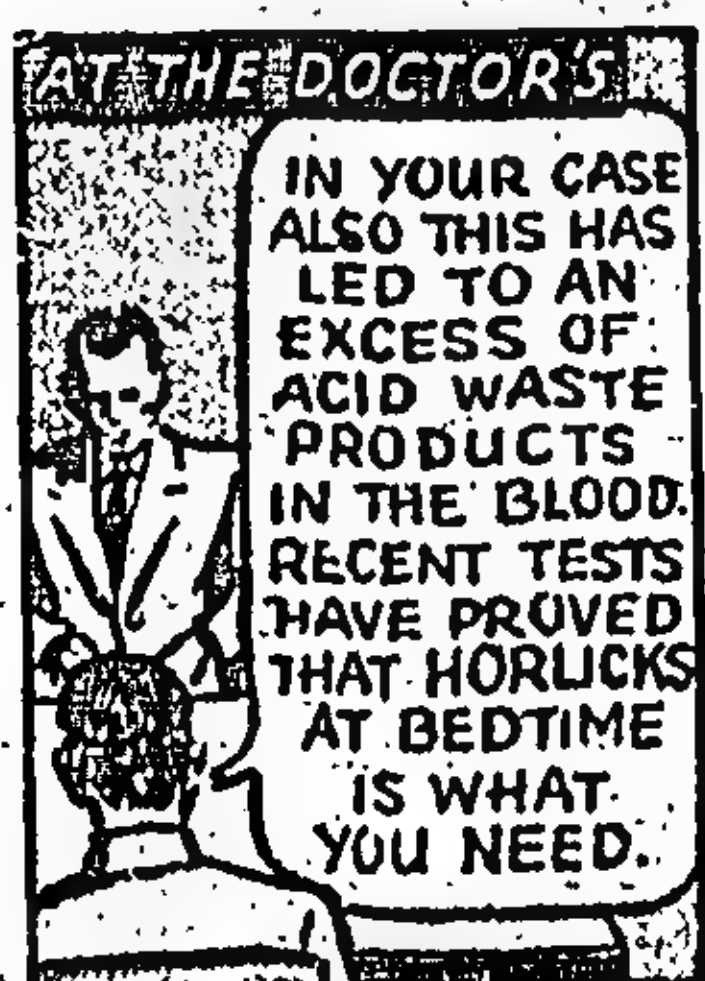
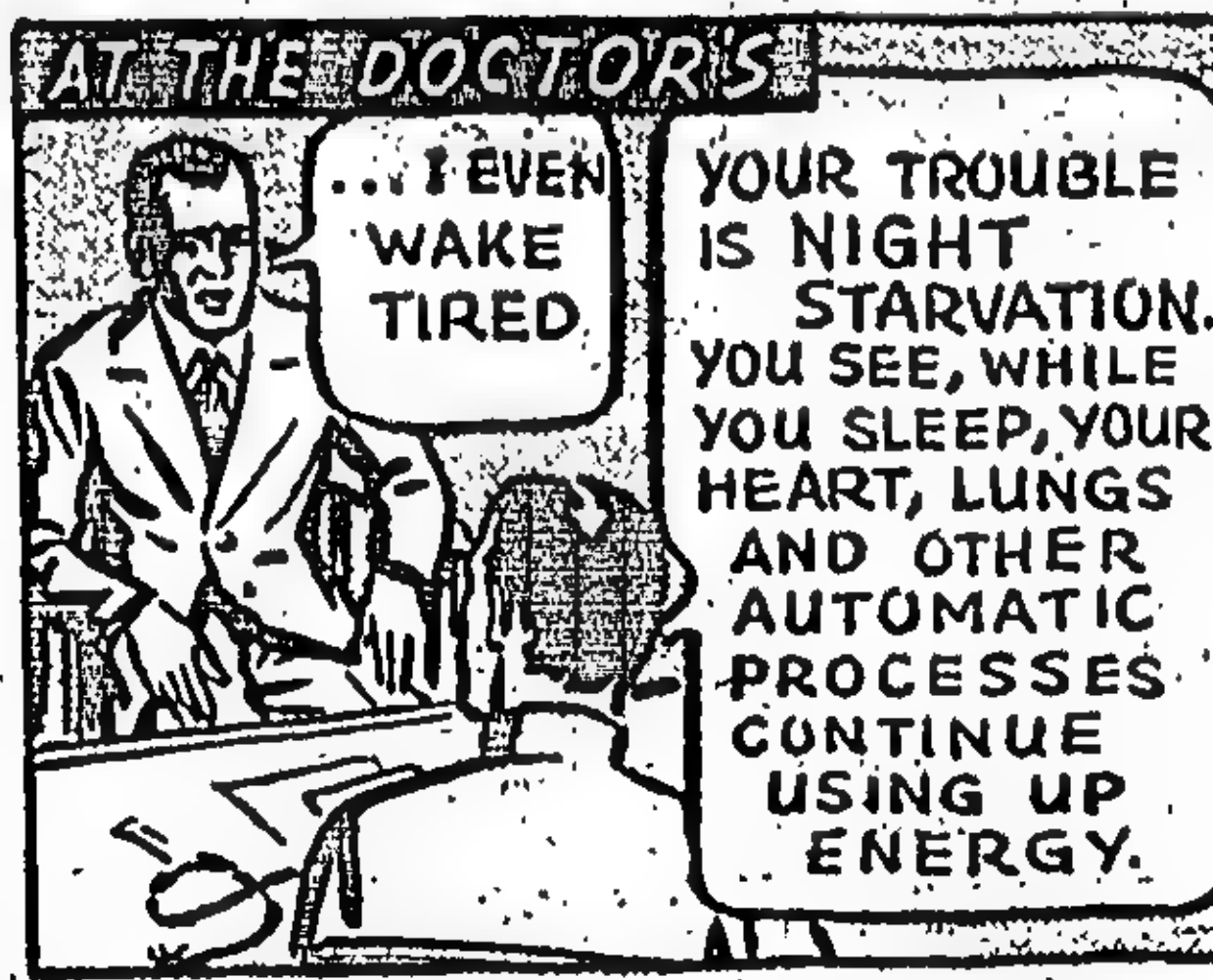
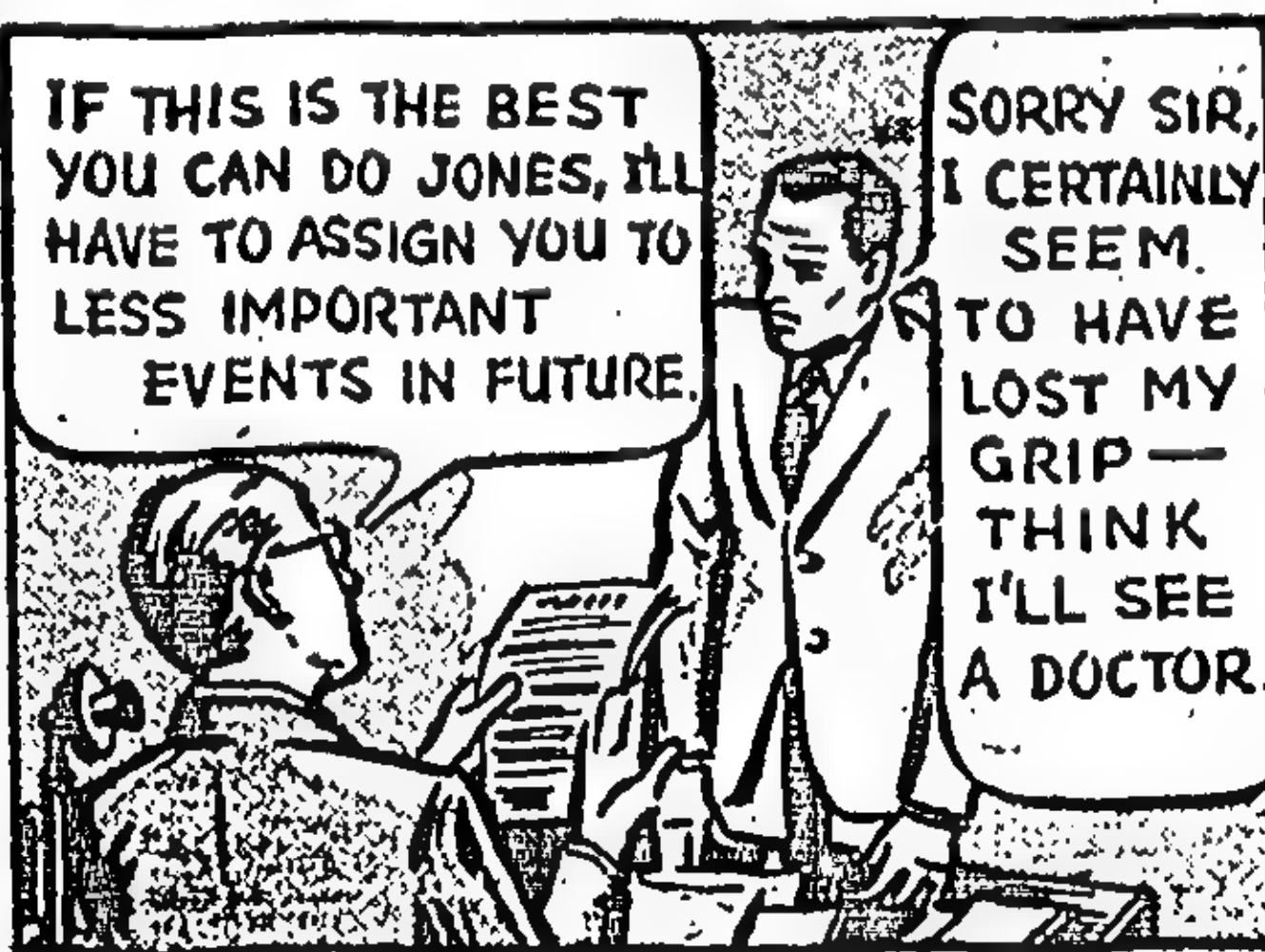
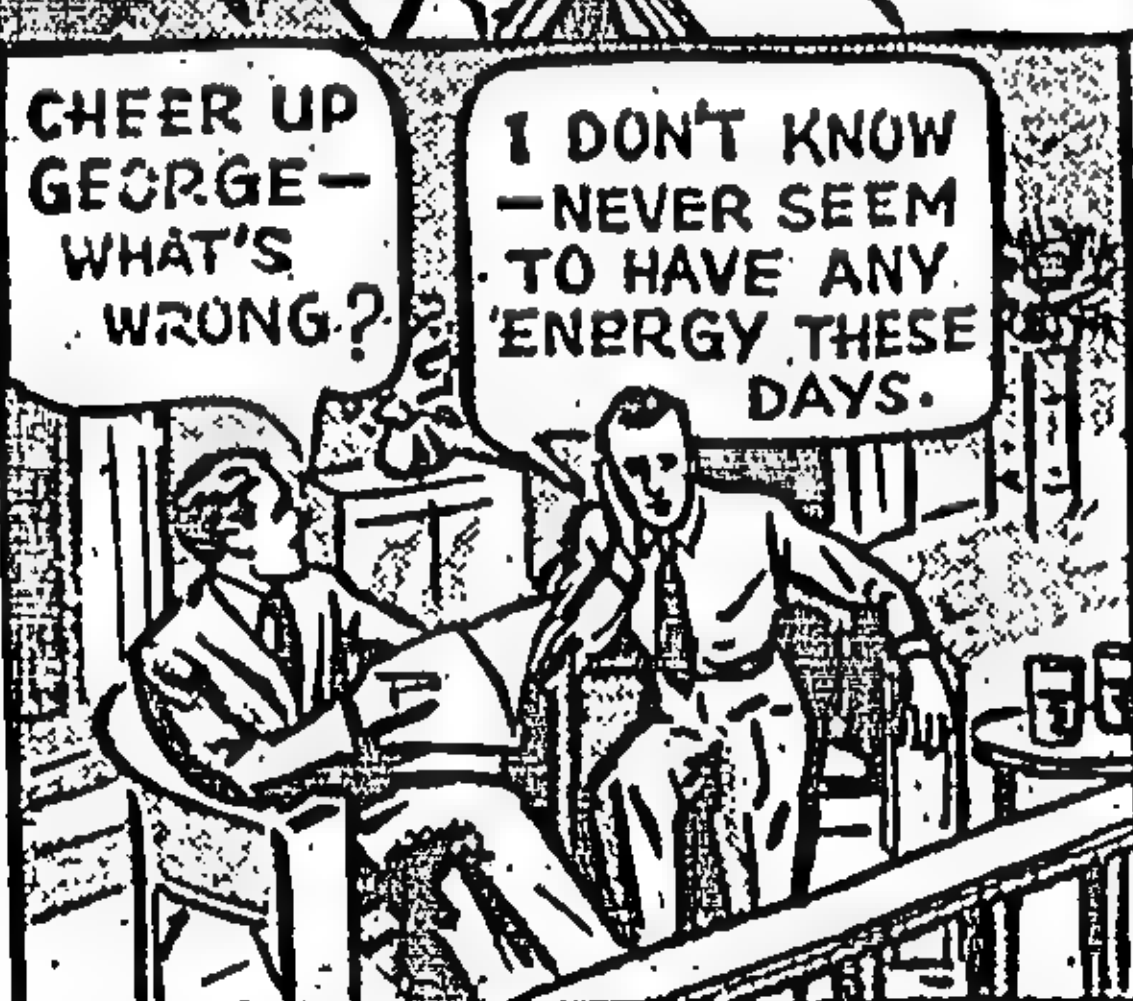
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# BRIDGE NOTES

## THE ONLY HOPE By The Four Aces

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7 4  
8 5  
9 6 5 2  
Q J 10 4  
K Q J 6 5  
J 7  
K 4

### The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of diamonds, East signalling for a continuation with the diamond eight. West then took the diamond Queen and stopped to "count noses."

He had already won two tricks and was sure of the trump Ace for the third defensive trick. But was the setting trick to be won?

There was the chance, of course, that East had the club King, but in that case the contract would be defeated regardless of West's next play. What could West do to defeat the contract even if South had the club King?

The only chance was to win two trump tricks with the Ace and ten. That could be done if East had a trump honour — or if East could force out one of South's honours on the play of a side suit.

With this analysis, West led a low diamond. Dummy played the ten, and East, realising his partner's intention, ruffed with the seven of trumps. South had to use the trump Jack to win the trick, and West therefore won two trump tricks to defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

AKJ742  
A 3  
AK654  
7

### The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	(1)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. There's no need to jump the bid since if your partner cannot respond to two diamonds there is no game. For the most part, simple non-jump bids lead to best results.

Score: 100% for two diamonds; 20% for two no-trump; 10% for three diamonds.

### Question No. 556

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	(7)

What do you bid? (Answer

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## FATHER AND SON KILLED

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Mr. Jeffrey's car crashed into some railings.

His son, Edwin Harrison Jeffrey, was riding with a younger brother in a cart when the horse bolted. The horse and cart fell down an embankment, and the body died from a fractured skull.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



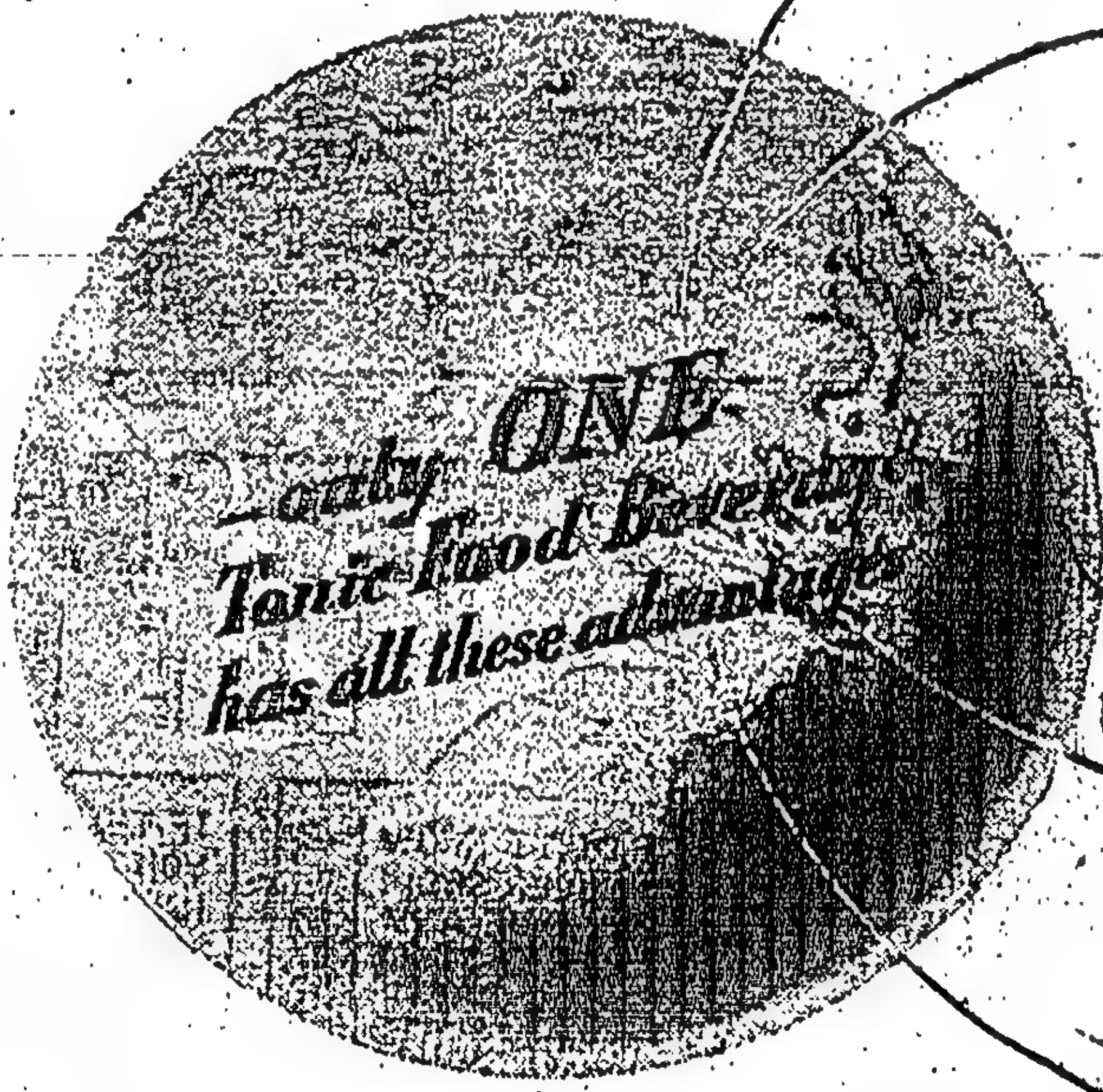
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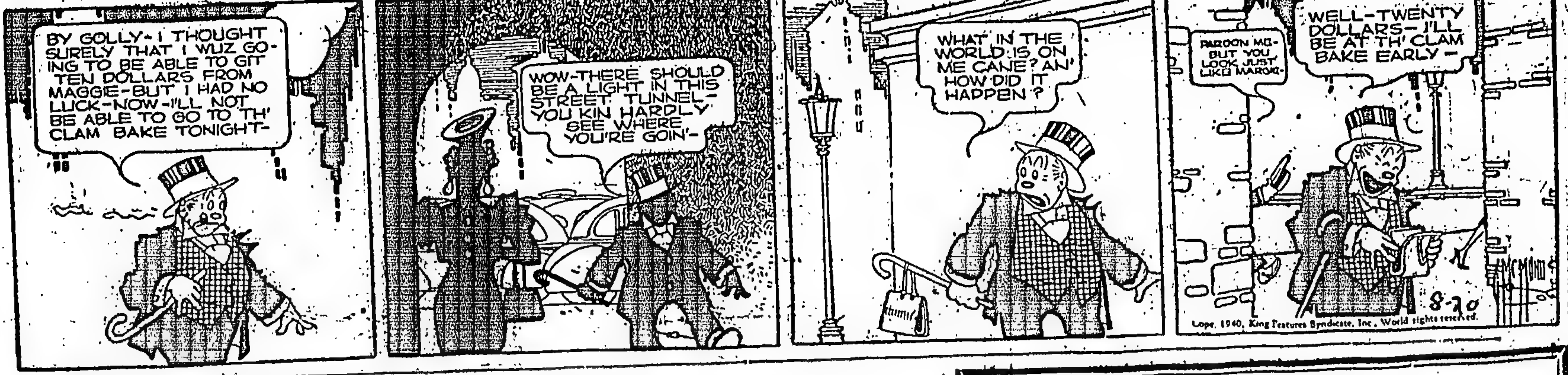
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# New York As Fashion Centre Will It Replace Paris?

Elsa Schiaparelli arrived in New York the other day on the Clipper from Lisbon and announced that she had come to buy some clothes! The item was a fine bit for the American newspapers — one of the leading couture experts of Paris come to the United States to buy clothes!

Perhaps only a joke; perhaps, actually, Mme. Schiaparelli went only in connection with a lecture tour on "Clothes and the Woman."

But the item has precipitated a very interesting discussion. Considering all that has happened to France, to Paris, since last June, does Mme. Schiaparelli's visit pre- sage the ascendancy of New York as the fashion centre of the world, to replace the city on the Seine which has held that distinction in our era? The answer may be no; the present writer, after a careful study of the situation, thinks it is no, but it is not an answer that could not come very close to a yes, for so much is involved in the problem.

Mme. Schiaparelli was asked the question. Her answer is significant. She said:

"I see no reason why America cannot build a couture of its own. I know there's designing talent here, and, if it is given encouragement, it will develop more and more."

As if the American fashion industry got all the inferences in that observation, some of the leading manufacturers at once began to make her offers to keep her in America. Four of the best known producers of women's dresses are known to have expressed a willingness to pay her 5,000 dollars a year for the use of her name on labels, and at least one of them offered her 500 dollars apiece for original designs. As one commentator put it, "You could almost hear them sigh, 'Ah, thank heaven! Schiaparelli will pull us out of this hole!'"

Mme. Schiaparelli, however, refused the offers and announced she was returning to Paris in December.

## If Hitler Controls Paris, Paris Won't Control Fashions

American writers on fashion subjects have tried to make the point that, "as long as Hitler controls Paris, Paris won't control fashions." It is, of course, too early to predict what the exact effect the defeat of France will have on the freedom of Paris to conduct what was in times of peace France's second largest industry.

The earliest intimations of Germany's long-range policy toward France were to the effect that she would be deprived of her Empire, and her position as a leading power on the Continent ended, but that her production in certain fields of fine manufacture where she has always led would be encouraged. On the other hand, the



Knitted sleeves in this green tweed suit. Cleverly gored skirt and matching tweed bag add a "tonic effect."

sudden flooding of the American market with pictures from Berlin of German designers' couture seems to indicate that perhaps the German capital may be aiming to succeed Paris as the centre of world fashions — although, if American fashion writers' reactions of these pictures are any test of the world's woman's reaction, the Nazis are setting themselves a hopeless task.

Presuming that Paris, under German compulsion, or by reason of the consequences of the dislocation of her economy as a result of the war, is no longer able to maintain herself as the world's fashion centre, will New York, as a consequence, therefore, be able to take her place? What about London, which in recent years has made enormous strides in attracting the best-dressed women of the world? There are a number of reasons why New York might conceivably succeed to the place of Paris and a number of reasons why she is not likely to achieve the distinction. An examination of these covers the entire range of the question of fashion in women's clothes.

The principal reason why France has led the world in the designing of women's clothes is that, in the words of an observer, she had an "intuitive understanding" of the direction in which the feminine mind was moving with respect to clothes matters.

Proof of this isn't hard to find.

When Patou, for instance, raised the waistline back to its natural position; when Vionnet employed the bias cuts to reveal the curves of the body; when Schiaparelli manipulated the shoulder line to give new contour to the silhouette, they initiated trends which were based infallibly on an understanding of women's preferences.

But, then, Paris has frequently been wrong, to her own great cost and the cost of all those in the business of couture the world over who followed her lead—as witness two seasons ago, when French designers believed that the toe-tip length in the dance dress was definitely going out and that the ankle-length dress would be welcomed by women everywhere. The results were a dismal failure.

American commentators declare that this intuitive understanding of the direction in which feminine taste is moving isn't exclusively French, nor is it intuitive. They stress that the life about them is the source of inspiration of French designers and American alike. They point to the fact that a house like Sally Milgrim of New York won fame forty years ago for its genius in fitting the sleeve entering the shoulder in a suit; or that Tom Briggance of Lord & Taylor introduced the new side-saddle fullness in play clothes, displaying an uncanny sense of what the women of America and the rest of the world want to wear; or that Clare Potter's sports clothes have been the envy even of the Paris designers.

## The Influence Of Hollywood

A source of fashion inspiration unique in the world, is Hollywood, where, without having to think of costs, and certain of wide publicity through the movies, designers work practically untrammelled, making the striving for an ideal a practical possibility.

A fashion leadership, a group of noted women who will sponsor and wear certain styles, in the same manner that the leading French couturiers had their criterion of smart customers who wore their best or newest things in advance, thus setting style standards. Women like Mrs. Harrison Williams, often found on lists of the world's ten best-dressed women; Mrs. Vincent Astor, wife of the noted capitalist; Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett, the wife of the singer; Miss Barbara Hutton; Miss Ina Claire, the actress; Mrs. Bernard Gimbel, wife of the distinguished merchant, and others have been gradually assuming the role of arbiters in feminine fashion.

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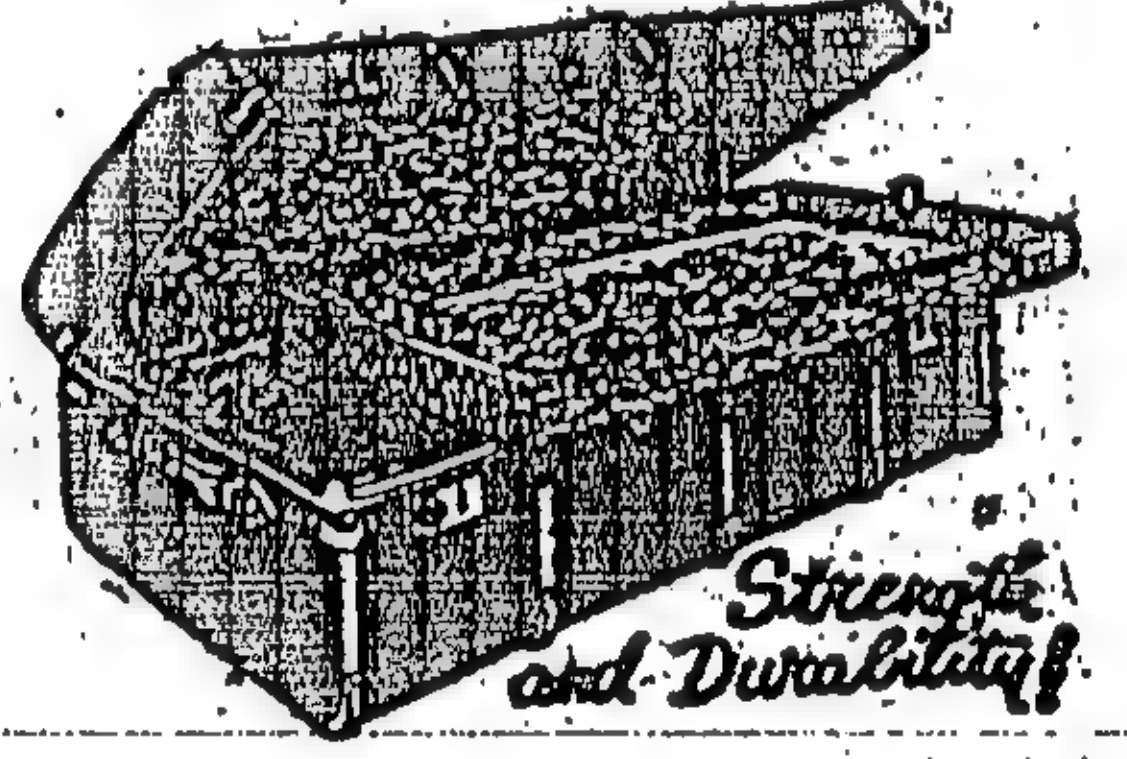
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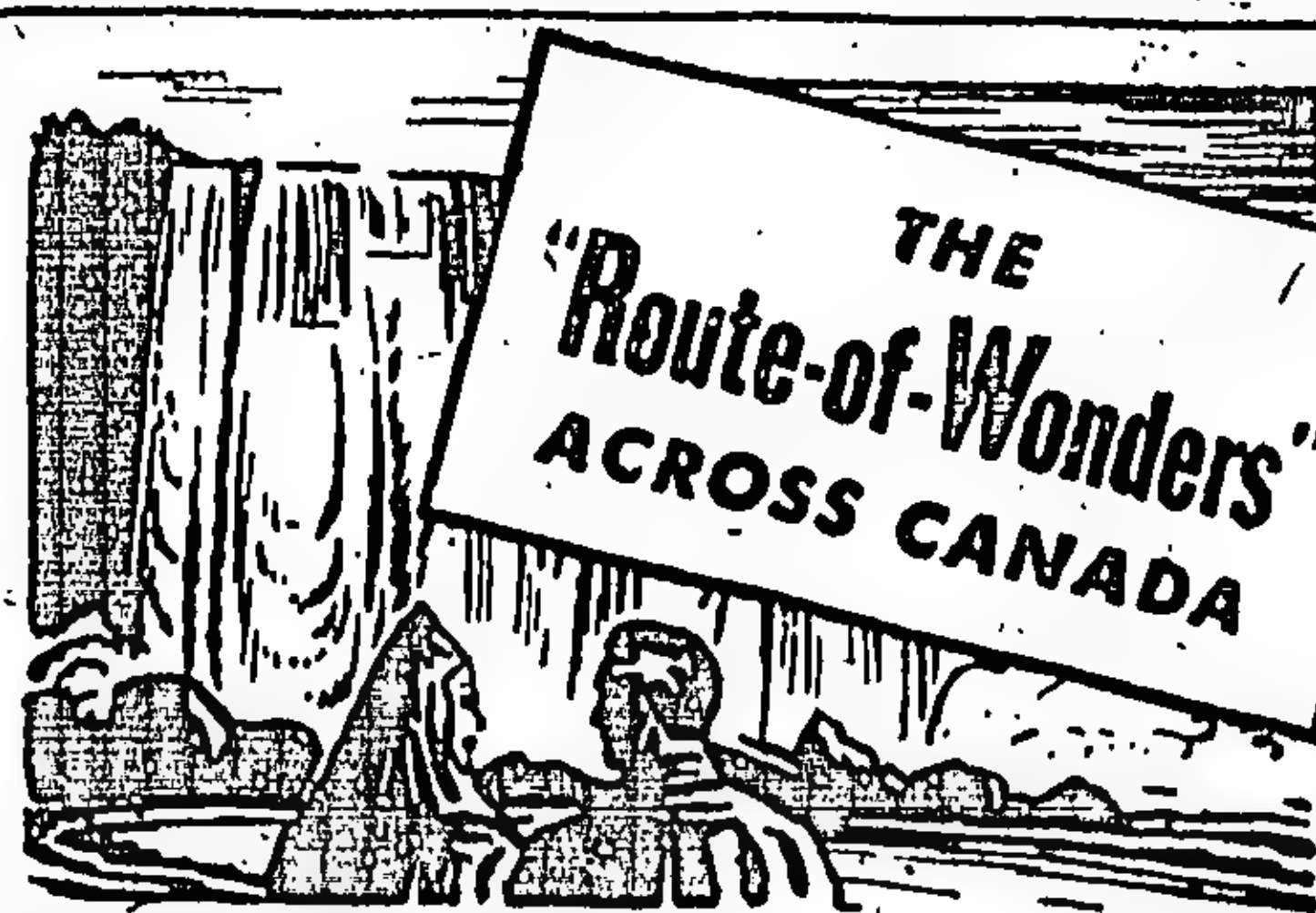
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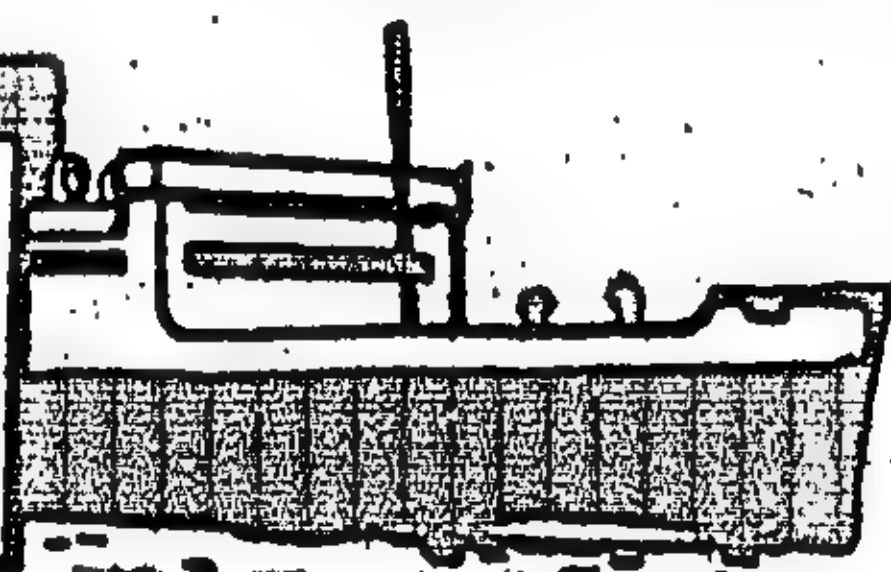
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Reg. .... 5.00 p.m.  
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Letters ..... 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.  
Parcels ..... 5.00 p.m.  
Letters ..... 7.00 p.m.

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## RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony No. 39 in E Flat.

12.55 p.m.—A. Mozart Song.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Sydney Lypton and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano.

2.00 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Schumann—David-Leaguers Dances, Op. 6.

6.23 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

O Vienna, my beloved Vienna (The Tourist Guide—Ziehrer); Be praised, thou peaceful night (The Vagabond—Ziehrer); Love's Message (Schubert).

6.33 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.35 p.m.—Compositions of Elgar.

Like to the Damask Rose (arr. Haydn Wood).... Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Haydn Wood.

Speak, Music!.... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano.

Serenade in E Minor for Strings, Op. 20—1st Mov. Allegro piacevole; 2nd Mov. Largo; 3rd Mov. Allegretto—Come prima.... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.

La Capricieuse, Op. 17.... Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) with Piano.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks: "Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Eddie Ackland (Contralto) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—London Relay—"Cock-A-Do!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.

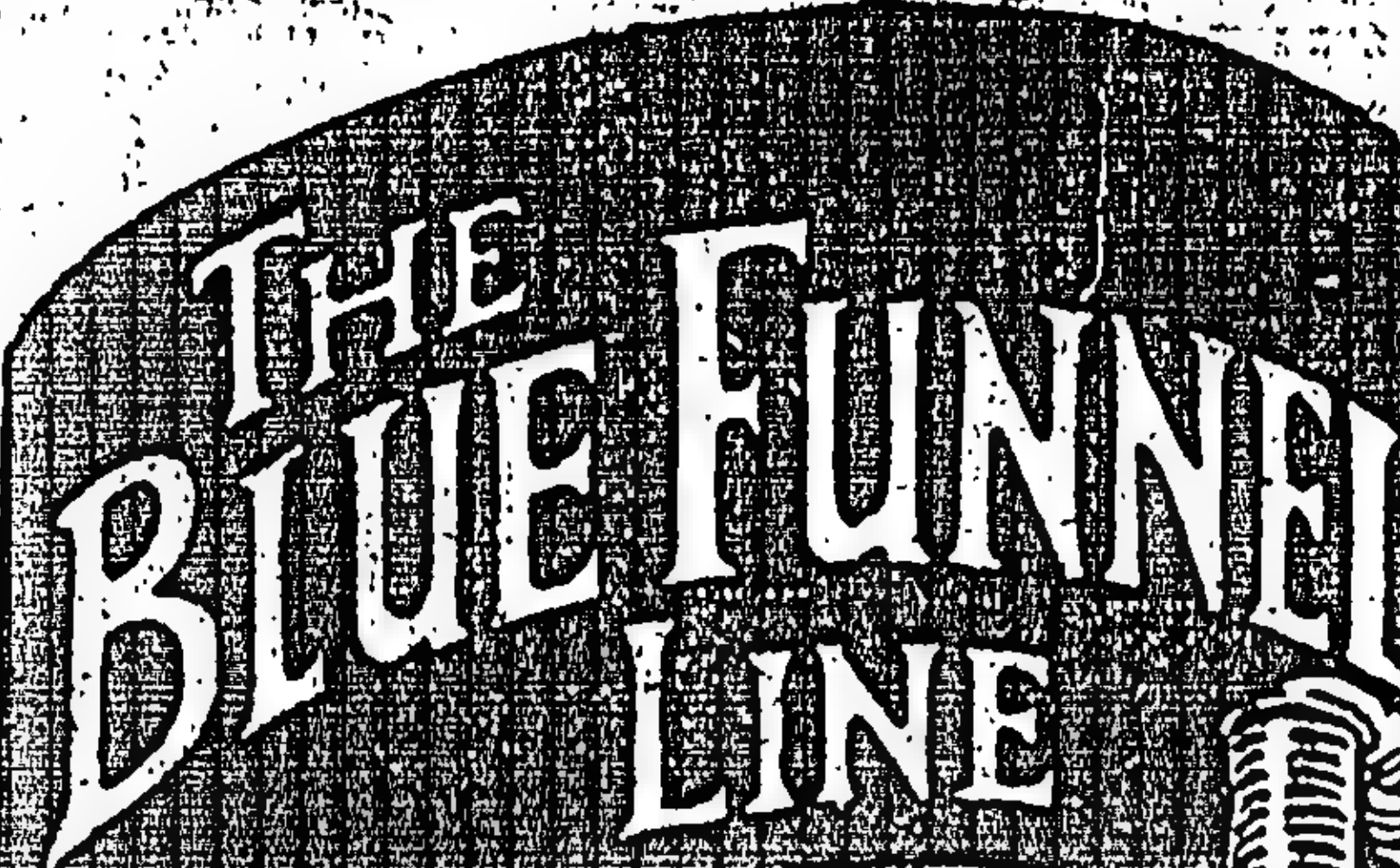
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".

9.45 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.

10.00 p.m.—Vocal Variety.

10.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Bombers over Berlin". A Feature Programme.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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## CHILDREN'S TREK TO CANADA

A party of 400 schoolchildren, selected from grant-aided schools in London, Greater London, the Home Counties, and parts of the West Country, evacuated recently under the children's oversea reception scheme, has arrived at a Canadian port. The children were bound for various parts of the Dominion, including Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, West Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Hamilton.

The ss. Samaria arrived at New York last week (states Reuter) with 138 British children, the first to go to America under the sponsorship of the United States Committee for the Care of European Children.

Some 170 children evacuated from the United Kingdom have arrived at Balboa, Panama Canal Zone (states Reuter), in the British liner Rangitiki on their way to New Zealand.

## BID FOR TURKISH TRADE

The Turkish Minister of Commerce recently opened the Smyrna Fair. The British Embassy was represented at the opening ceremony by Mr. James Morgan, Counsellor at the Embassy, and the British Ambassador intends to visit the fair later.

In spite of transport difficulties and delays caused by the war in the Mediterranean, Great Britain is exhibiting on a substantial scale. British textiles, gramophones, wireless apparatus, and road-building machinery occupy one of three large sections of the main hall in which last year German goods were shown. The Ministry of Information's section shows photographs of British warships and other armaments, as well as diagrams illustrating the value of British trade with Turkey; it is fitted with loud-speakers, through which are relayed broadcasts in the Turkish language from Great Britain.

## COLLECTION FOR GREEK WAR

The sum of £20,000 for Greece's war effort was contributed at a meeting of Greek residents in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday evening. — Reuter.

## AN OUTPOST IN THE NORTH

The last few months have given time for the Icelanders to accustom themselves to the British occupation of their country and, in most cases, to realise the necessity for it, writes a Reykjavik Correspondent, and in view of Iceland's geographical position which gives her a strategic importance in the North Atlantic, the majority of the people are relieved that the British forces have forestalled any attempt on the part of Germany to seize the island.

This naturally does not mean that Icelanders do not regret the temporary loss of their independence, but that they acknowledge the inevitability of the move and have faith in the British Government's word that the occupation will not last any longer than is necessary.

Most of the people of Iceland are pro-British in sentiment, especially in the present war, and have every confidence that the war will end in the defeat of totalitarianism.

### Payments In Cash

On May 10, the day when the British occupation took place, no work was done in Reykjavik. Every one was out in the streets and down by the harbour watching the troops. There were few serious faces, to most people it was a pleasurable excitement to see armed soldiers, and every detail of their equipment had to be examined, explained, and discussed by crowds of curious idlers. There were no signs of any fear of the new arrivals and their cheerful courtesy and unfailing good nature made a favourable impression and have repeatedly been praised in the Press here, although, especially during the first few days, the curiosity of the crowds who gathered to watch every activity of the troops must often have hampered their work and tried their patience. The children run to greet any soldier they see, even tiny toddlers will leave their play and thrust their hands confidently into those of passing soldiers and walk along with them. Even the babies have now learnt to call out, "Hallo," "What's your name?" "G'bye," when they see a khaki uniform, and the men are rapidly learning words and phrases in Icelandic.

The problem of accommodation has troubled the British troops. Every type of building has been pressed into service and Icelanders have not failed to comment that the British Army pays for what it needs, not with credit notes as the Germans are said to do, and at a fair rate.

Although the first reception of the British troops was so good and although their subsequent behaviour has on the whole made a good impression it must not be

implied that every section of public opinion is pro-British. For a number of years now Iceland has been subjected to an increasing amount of German propaganda.

### False Rumour

The German Consul-General in Reykjavik before the British occupation was a personal friend of Hermann Goering and Streicher and other prominent Nazi officials. He was removed from Basle at the request of the Swiss Government because of his propagandist activities and he and his consular staff and other agents, resident Germans and pro-Nazi Icelanders, worked continuously to foster pro-German feeling here and to organise an Icelandic Nazi party on the lines of the German prototype. This party still remains, although the Germans responsible for its leadership have been removed from the country. There is evidence of its activity in the number of stories which are constantly being circulated with the object of breaking down the moral of the Icelandic people and making them afraid of German attacks on this country. All such stories gain credence for a day or two and tend to increase the nervousness of the people, and the propagandists do not forget to say that if the Germans do come it will all be the fault of the British, because if they had stayed away Germany would never have thought of violating Icelandic neutrality. To those who are unaware of the extent of German activities here before the British occupation this argument seems quite plausible. These stories are usually absolute fabrications, but there are always some people who believe them and are influenced by them in their attitude towards the British soldiers.

Such stories are evidence of the continued activities of the Nazi element here and, coupled with an increasing number of attacks on British soldiers in cafes and the streets by half-intoxicated youths out for quarrelling, show the extent to which German propaganda had won over a certain section of Icelandic youth. Although this anti-British feeling seems to be growing stronger in many quarters, yet I think it is fair to say that the majority of Icelanders sympathise with the cause of freedom as against dictatorship and oppression.

The attitude of the Icelandic Government has been, apparently, quite correct. They registered a formal protest against the occupation of the country, as was to be expected, but they have asked the people to remain calm and to treat the British soldiers with courtesy and respect as representatives of a friendly Power and as guests in the country. Great Britain's action in sending a Minister Plenipotentiary here in recognition of Iceland as a sovereign State, after the German invasion of Denmark made it necessary for Iceland to take all her foreign affairs into her own hands, has been much appreciated, and the personality of Mr. Charles Howard Smith, H. B. M. Minister, has made a good impression.

### NOTICE

A meeting of husbands and relations of evacuees will be held on FRIDAY, November 8th at 7 p.m. at the Rose Room of the Peninsular Hotel to discuss the formation of a Committee which would consider all problems concerning evacuees and when necessary make representations to H.M. Government on their behalf.

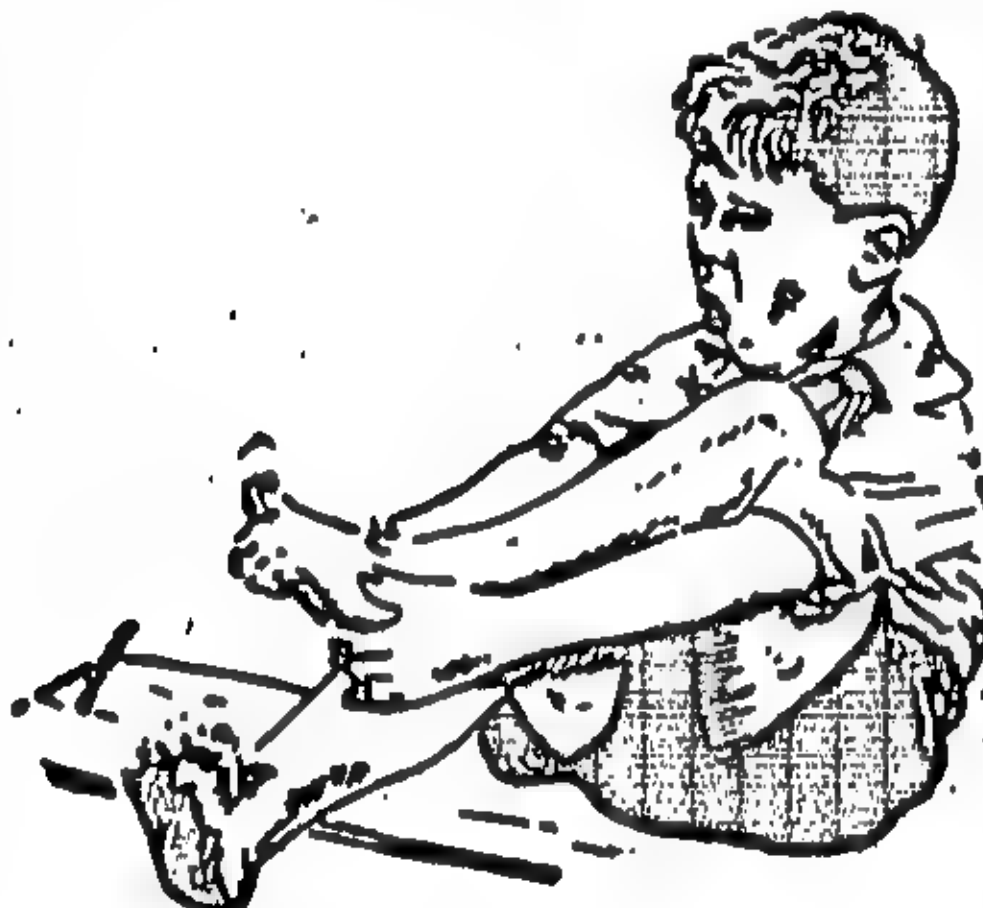
J. L. WILSON  
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## FRENCH UNIT IN EGYPT

An event of deep military and political significance was marked when the first French unit formed in the Middle East to fight for a Free France alongside the forces of the British Empire was reviewed by Sir Miles Lampson, the British Ambassador, in the presence of General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, and Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Wilson, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, British Troops in Egypt.

The unit in question has been formed from officers and men from a contingent of the French Colonial Infantry who at the time of the collapse of France decided to throw in their lot with the British. This nucleus has been swelled by members of other units. The men wear the anchor which is the badge of units of the French Colonial Infantry. The unit has been given British uniform and equipment, and is attached for administrative purposes to a British brigade, but its discipline and internal organisation are in the hands of its French officers. The men wear tricolour bands on their shoulder-straps and the double cross of Lorraine on their helmets.

The occasion of the review was the presentation of Colours offered by a French ladies' committee in Egypt. The ceremony took place on the cricket ground of the British camp where the troops were stationed. It was carried through with that characteristic heightening of the emotional pitch which is the gift of all French military ceremonial.



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# UNIVERSITY LADIES' HOCKEY TEAM TO TAKE FIELD TO-MORROW

## MISS GREAVES TO LEAD SIDE AGAINST D.G.S.

By "Sportshawk"

Although the evacuation has caused the suspension of Ladies' League hockey this season, the various Clubs have been making strenuous efforts to raise teams, and a number of friendly matches were played both on the mainland and island last Saturday.

It is now learned that Hong Kong University are doing their best to raise a team for friendly matches.

The team will be captained by Miss B. Greaves, Colony Inter-port reserve and will be composed of a number of players who figured prominently for Diocesan Girls' School during the two past seasons, while they also will have several newcomers who have shown promising form in recent practice games.

University, who have not yet been seen in action against any Ladies' clubs, are playing their first friendly game at Okulum to-morrow, commencing at 4.30 p.m., against D.G.S.

### Interporter As Pivot

Miss B. Greaves will occupy the pivotal position, with Miss E. Hunt, formerly of C.B.A. juniors,

### To-morrow's Small Units Game

Signals will meet Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 3 p.m. in the Army Small Units Hockey League.

and Miss P. Lang, who played left-half for D.G.S. last season, as wing-halves. All these three players have played in the League during the past two seasons.

Miss C. Kotewall, former D.G.S. player, will lead the attack, with her former school-mates, Miss K. Winyard and Miss M. Chow, as her inside colleagues, while Miss H. Curren, the sprinter, will be on the right-wing and Miss A. Lim, also formerly of D.G.S., will be on the left-wing.

In the defence are three newcomers to hockey. They are Miss H. Salmon, who will be playing between the sticks, and Miss P. Ablong and Miss E. Greamkau as the backs.

### CLUB "A" RUGBY XV

Club "A" fifteen to meet Army "A" on the Club ground to-morrow at 5 p.m. sharp is as follows:—D. L. Pecorini; P. B. Wilson, J. Rogers, F. M. Thompson and H. van Leeuwen; T. O. Morgan and F. J. D. Clemo; R. E. Heaseman, I. McCrae, J. Moodie, C. F. Needham, S. Lee; G. B. Godfrey, A. G. Dalziel and G. G. Davies. Referee—Eric Matthews.

## TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

The Third Division football game between Royal Air Force and 36th Battery, Royal Artillery, which was to have been played on Sunday, will be played to-day at Chatham Road at 2.45 p.m.

## ARMY SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are some of the Army Inter-Unit football games to be played during the week:

**TO-MORROW**  
40th Coy Engineers v H. Q. Middlesex.  
(St. Joseph's, 2 p.m.)  
**THURSDAY**  
20th Coy. Engineers v "A" Coy. Royal Scots.  
(Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)  
"A" Coy. Middlesex v "D" Coy. Royal Scots.  
(Chatham Road, 3 p.m.)

## ROWING REGATTA NEXT WEEK

The Annual Army Rowing regatta will be held at Stonecutters on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12 and 13. Among the teams competing are Service Corps, Middlesex, Engineers, 5th A.A., R.A., 8th Battery R.A. and 12th Battery R.A.

## U.S.R.C. TOTAL 100 SHOTS AGAINST CLUB

Two weeks ago, United Service Recreation Club entertained a bowls team from Hong Kong Cricket Club and cricketers won comfortably. Last Saturday, by arrangement, Hong Kong Cricket Club entertained the U.S.R.C. on the latter's ground.

The U.S.R.C. team was stronger on this occasion and turned the tables on their opponents, winning by 100 shots to 33.

Following was the U.S.R.C. team:—Capt. Guscott, J. Smith, J. Newton and J. T. Smalley (skip), Lt. Col. Moffatt, J. A. Fraser, P. B. Parkes and H. H. Williams (skip), R. W. Rowell, Lt. Col. Matthews, Lt. Col. Levett and B. D. Evans (skip).

## ONE BALL, BUT OUT TWICE!

Canon F. H. Gillingham, now chaplain to the Lord Mayor of London, once had the unique experience of "bagging a brace" at Lord's, though only one ball was bowled to him.

He missed it and was l.b.w. In the first innings he was run out for a balloon before he'd taken guard. "Gillie" played for the Gentlemen at Lord's in the game when "Ranji" refused to be photographed with the team for reasons best forgotten.

# THE ONE-KICK INTERNATIONAL

WHEN THE FOOTBALLER TALKS OF CARTILAGES, JIM BARRETT, LAUNCHING HIS 18TH SEASON WITH WEST HAM, CAN TELL THE BEST STORY, AND CAN CALL ME AS A WITNESS FOR I SAW IT HAPPEN, WRITES L. V. MANNING.

Barrett's only kick at the ball in his one international match (England v. Ireland at Liverpool in 1928) was a terrific right-foot shot from 40 yards, which swerved just over the bar. Then he collapsed and was carried off.

This happened in the eighth minute of the game. Back in the dressing-room they found it was the left knee cartilage that had gone!

So big Jim holds one record which will stand for ever—an England career of eight minutes with one kick in it.

### Pride Of Laboratory

Down at Boleyn, Professor Paynter keeps all his best cartilages in labelled bottles.

Exhibit A was for as long as you can keep a pickled cartilage, Jim Barrett's England classic.

Now pride of the laboratory is an authentic Bicknell. Charles, who captained the winning final team last season, was only operated on recently by Mr. Frapp, but is already walking about and won't be missing so much of the new season's football.

Soon they will have them out in the first half and playing in the second.

There was once a Plymouth Argyle player who improved so much with every cartilage operation, he asked Bob Jack's permission to have the lot out.

## CHINESE TRAINER'S NARROW ESCAPE

Bo Yee, a Chinese trainer, escaped serious injury this morning when taking out a 1941 Australian Subscription pony No. J.C.K. 49, belonging to Mr. S. K. for its morning exercise.

The pony suddenly bolted on nearing the six furlongs post, headed for the rails, and when it appeared that both rider and pony would suffer injury in attempting to jump the rails, the pony suddenly slipped, bringing down the rider head on towards the rails. He was, however, none the worse for his experience beyond receiving a few scratches in the face. The pony in the meantime bolted round the track and was later caught and remounted by the trainer to finish its exercise.

## GOLF STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Following is the draw and starting times for the Jasper Clark Cup and the qualifying round for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Championship:

Old Course	New Course
9.20 a.m. A. W. Borine & I.	9.20 a.m. W. Hewitt & F.
9.25 .. H. Geare .....	9.25 .. A. K. Mackenzie & R. Young ..
9.30 .. K. S. Robertson & J. L. C. Pearce ..	9.30 .. Col. Rose & E. J. R. Mitchell ..
9.35 .. I. P. Tamworth & R. G. Parker ..	9.35 .. A. McKellar & L. R. Andrewes ..
9.40 .. Brig. MacLeod & J. Linaker ..	9.40 .. D. Humphreys & A. J. Dennis ..
9.45 .. F. D. Hunter & T. A. Pearce ..	9.45 .. N. L. Smith & I. Newton ..
9.50 .. A. D. Humphreys & F. A. McDonald ..	9.50 .. W. W. C. Shawan & D. S. Edward ..
9.55 .. G. C. Worrall & B. L. Lloyd ..	9.55 .. A. M. Kennedy & G. G. Atkinson ..
10.00 .. K. S. Morrison & J. A. D. Morrison ..	10.00 .. A. E. Lissaman & D. S. Robb ..
10.05 .. R. K. Collings & S. Tomlinson ..	

## STUBBS SHIELD DRAW

Following is the draw, in order, for the Stubbs Shield of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:

**FIRST ROUND:—**  
H.K. and Shanghai Bank (A. M. Kennedy (11) and G. G. Atkinson (7)) v. C.S.O. (N. L. Smith (11) and T. Megarry (9)).

Headquarters China Command (Brig. MacLeod (8) and Brig. Thomson (16)) v. R.A.O.C. (Col. MacPherson (15) and Capt. Bridge (9)).

Education Department (T. J. Price (11) and G. W. Reeve (17)) v. Army Dental Corps (Col. Smith (13) and Capt. Fraser (18)).

5th A.A. Regiment (J. D. Clague and T. A. Pearce (3)) v. Asiatic Petroleum Company (R. Young (7) and G. M. Park (7)).

Dairy Farm (G. Milne (13) and J. D. Thomson (13)) v. H.K.V.D.C. (Col. Rose (9) and Lieut-Col. Mitchell (7)).

John D. Hutchinson (T. E. Pearce (13) and P. S. Cassidy (17)) v. Leigh and Orange (J. E. Potter (24) and R. G. Parker (10)).

**SECOND ROUND:—**  
Gilman's (A. Mabb (18) and L. Goldmann (8)) v. H.K.S.R.A. (Major Pendfold (19) and L. J. A. Fielden (16)).

12th Heavy Regiment (Capt. Forrester (ser.) and Capt. Roberts (15)) v. Army Audit Staff (R. Parken (7) and C. S. Clarke (24)).

P.W.O. (D. S. Edward (4) and C. W. E. Bishop (13)) v. Winner of H.K. Bank v. C.S.O.

Corps of A.R.P. Wardens (Col. Matthews (16) and M. A. Annett (18)) v. Winner of John D. Hutchinson v. Leigh and Orange.

Post Office Department (R. P. Morris (22) and H. A. Mills (20)) v. Butterfield and Swire (F. A. M. Elliott (20) and J. C. C. Matthews (16)).

Dodwell's (A. J. Dennis (10) and D. Humphreys (9)) v. Government Medical Department (Dr. A. G. Greaves (16) and Dr. S. Tomlinson (7)).

H. Q. China Command or R.A.O.C. v. Education Department or Army Dental Corps.

5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery or Asiatic Petroleum Company v. Dairy Farm and Company or Volunteers.

First pair in each bracket are challengers and are responsible for arranging dates.

First Round to be played on or before Saturday, November 30.  
Second Round to be played on or before Saturday, January 4, 1941.

### G. M. Young Cup

Following is the draw in order for the G. M. Young Cup:  
Bv—Gibb, Livingston & Co. (C. Austin).

**FIRST ROUND:—**  
Butterfield & Swire (F. D. Hunter) v. Dodwell & Co. (A. C. I. Bowker).

S.V.O.C. (I. H. Geare) v. H.K. & Shanghai Bank (H. F. Phillips).

Chartered Bank (G. A. Leiper) v. A.P.C. (G. C. Worrall).

The manager of each team is shown in Brackets. First pair in each bracket are challengers and are responsible for arranging dates. To be played under handicap, as on date of playing.

Teams (4-a-side) may be changed from day to day. 18 holes. Match Play singles and fourballs. Each single match 1 point, each fourball match 2 points and each match to be played out over 18 holes. 3/4 difference in singles, 1/3 (squares) in fourballs. Singles will be played on the New Course and after-noon pairs should be bracketed together. Fourballs will be played on the Old Course. In the event of the points for matches being equal the result will be decided by the number of holes between the teams.

First Round to be played on or before December 8. Semi-final to be played on or before January 12. Final Round to be played on or before February 3.

### CAPTAIN'S CUP QUALIFIERS

The following are the results of the qualifying rounds of the Captain's Cup (November) Competition of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

Old Course:—S. L. Lloyd, 84—13=71. There were 24 entries.

New Course:—T. Megarry, 77—11=66. There were 10 entries.

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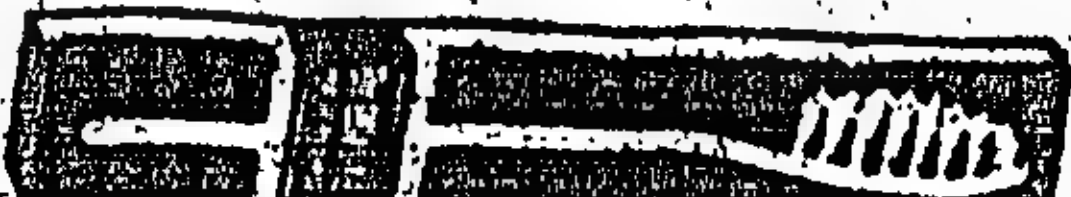
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## Extra Precautions Being Taken By The Association

By "Referee"

At a meeting of the Grounds Committee of Hong Kong Football Association last night it was decided to increase the price of admission to the centre portions of the Covered Stand to \$2.00 for the annual Poppy Day Charity football game.

A portion of the centre stand will still be reserved for members of Hong Kong Football Club till 15 minutes before the start of the game, but club members must obtain their tickets from the Hon. Secretary in the Club-house.

Extra precautions have been taken to cope with the crowd, and no admission will be allowed after the sale of the last ticket.

## NEXT WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

SATURDAY	
First Division	
Kowloon	v Sing Tao
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)	
Middlesex	v Club
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	
Eastern	v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
Second Division	
Service Corps	v Engineers
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)	
Kowloon	v Sing Tao
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)	
Club	v Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
Ordnance	v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)	
Third Division	
30th R.A.	v Shell
(St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)	
Medicals	v Air Force
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)	
20th R.A.	v 12th R.
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)	
Service Corps	v 33th
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)	
24th R.A.	v Internat. al
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	
SUNDAY	
First Division	
R. Scots	v Police
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	
St. Joseph's	v South China
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
Second Division	
R. Scots	v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
South China	v Kit Chee
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)	
Kwong Wah	v Police
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)	
Third Division	
Engineers	v Signals
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	
A.S.A.	v 7th R.A.
(Boundary Street, 2.45 p.m.)	

## AITKENHEAD SHIELD GAMES

THE ANNUAL BOWLS MATCH BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON FOR THE AITKENHEAD SHIELD WILL BE PLAYED AT KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB ON SATURDAY AT 2.30 P.M.

Following are the teams:  
D. M. Khan, W. Hong Sling, W. Dall, J. Deakin (Hong Kong) v V. C. Labrum, W. Parsons, J. Fraser, F. Goodwin.

J. Hayward, G. S. Ladd, W. J. Bagley, C. S. Rosset (Hong Kong) v H. A. Castro, T. K. Lim, W. J. Howard, A. J. Kew.

S. Yusuf, C. W. Lata, R. Basa, U. M. Omar (Hong Kong) v G. W. Deacon, D. W. Waterton, G. H. Sherriff, A. M. Holland.

J. McCutcheon, R. A. Edwards, T. M. Pile, A. Jillett (Hong Kong) v A. A. Dand, Y. Abbas, C. Dowman, R. Hall.

E. Casey, J. Prentice, G. Perkins, E. C. Post (Hong Kong) v W. L. Walker, Sir Atholl MacGregor, J. G. Meyer, A. J. Hall.

G. Stephens, R. C. Butler, W. Gill, G. Duncan (Hong Kong) v H. Overy, A. W. Ramsay, W. Hyde, E. Kern.

R. Main, G. Patterson, W. Melrose, J. Chalmers (Hong Kong) v A. M. Colman, T. Coleman, R. Morrison, J. McKelvie.

C. Needham, C. Strango, L. E. Lamert, A. Brooksbank (Hong Kong) v J. A. Luz, G. H. Basto, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha.

A. G. Gardner, W. B. Harris, J. Grom, J. C. Fender (Hong Kong) v H. White, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde-Lay, R. Duncan.

J. C. Gellady, A. B. Allan, J. F. McGowan, M. N. Rakus (Hong Kong) v F. X. Monteiro, C. E. Marques, F. V. V. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva.

C. Goward, H. W. Randall, S. Eccleshall, W. K. Way (Hong Kong) v P. Evans, R. Ogden, V. Alenza, W. C. Simpson.

J. Hoosen, A. B. Suffad, S. M. Rana, J. M. Y. Adal (Hong Kong) v J. A. Remedios, D. C. Alves, J. J. Basto, C. G. Silva.

## V.R.C. HON. SEC. TO WED

The forthcoming wedding is announced between A. O. Barretto, Hon. Secretary of Victoria Recreation Club, and Miss Gloria D'Almada.

## ENGLAND FULL-BACK KILLED

Pilot-Officer E. J. Parsons, the Yorkshire and England Rugby Union full-back, has been killed on active service.

Parsons, an Australian, was a full-back of the sound and dour type who, because his play was not spectacular, was rather generally voted a surprise selection when in March last year he played against Scotland at Murrayfield. He was given the place that had been well filled by another Overseas player, H. D. Frenkes, of Oxford.

## POLLARD'S SPITFIRE SPIRIT

Dick Pollard, the Lancashire cricketer, showed real Spitfire spirit in a recent match at Westhoughton for the local Spitfire Fund.

After hitting up 53 in quick time and receiving a collection of £1 10s. 6d., he handed over the money to the Fund.

Pollard was the chief scorer for W. Farrimond's XI, who made 174, Cecil Parkins XI replying with 154 for seven.

Seven Lancashire players in all took part in the match. Winston Place scored 15 and took four wickets for 28, Phillips scored 16, and J. Bowes 18, but Eddie Paynter obtained only a single.

The Hong Kong University Hockey Club have awarded colours to W. Abraham, Low Nan-hang and Lee Chee-koon.

## Connie Mack Is Sure Yankees Will Win In 1941

Connie Mack, veteran manager of the Philadelphia Athletics who predicted last January that the Yanks would lose the American League pennant this year believes that New York will come back and win the title in 1941.

"I had a great team once," he recalled. "That team I got together in 1910 was one of the greatest and I saw them crack up and lose when everyone said they couldn't. Then they came back and were champions again. That's what the Yanks will do next year."

## FROM HERE AND THERE

F. E. Lawrence, who now plays for C.S.C.C. 2nd XI, is perhaps the oldest active cricketer in Hong Kong to-day in the sense that this is his 26th season of cricket in Hong Kong. Prior to coming out here Lawrence had a few years of cricket in England and played on the famous Edgbaston ground.

It is learned from a reliable source that the badminton members of Victoria R.C. are planning to stage a Club tournament consisting of men's singles and doubles events and also a mixed doubles competition.

Len Alltree, who played softball for Hong Kong Baseball Club some two seasons ago, is making a return to the game, this time in C.B.A. colours. He has played one game so far and will probably be one of the regular team, occupying the centre or right-field berth.

A. Kitchell, for many seasons one of the stalwarts of Craigen-gower's 2nd XI in the Cricket League, will not be taking an active part this year.

Latest member of the Local Admiralty Clerks' Association, who ran a team in the Inter-Hong Softball tourney last year, is A. J. Hussain, well-known footballer and swimmer. Hussain has just joined the Naval Dockyard and should find a place in Laças' softball team.

Congratulations to "Obear" el Arculli, H.B. baseballer and Indian R.C. cricketer, on his forthcoming marriage to Miss R. Suffad, sister of A. S. Suffad, former Indian R.C. First Division cricketer.

Sergt. Flaherty, who has been playing a lot of snooker at Police Headquarters lately, has been tipped as the likely one to win the Police snooker championship which, it is understood, will be held in Central's snooker room in the not distant future.

Both B. R. Irance and W. K. Way may not be able to play much cricket for Craigen-gower this season as they will be away from the Colony periodically on business trips.

B. W. Bradbury, former Colony bowls champion, prominent owner at the Valley and president of Craigen-gower Cricket Club, may be returning to the Colony late this month.

Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary of the Softball League, had a very busy week last week. He is in the A.R.P. and was on duty for three days of the week, but he still found time to arrange the week-end softball fixtures to everyone's satisfaction.

# OWNER SUES WHITE CROSS INC. IN PHILIPPINES

ACCORDING TO the "Manila Bulletin," a civil suit involving P4,000 was filed in the Manila court of first instance on October 30 by C. A. Barretto, Manila race horse owner, against the White Cross, Inc.; Miguel Romualdez, racing manager of the Philippine Racing Club; and Dr. Sixto Carlos and Jose Montes, judges. The suit grew out of the morning daily double held on October 27 by the racing club under the auspices of the White Cross.

Barretto seeks to recover the amount, which he claims he should have won were it not for an erroneous decision of the judges.

Barretto claims that his horse Clarion ran a dead heat with Solado, which was declared a winner by the judges.

Barretto alleges that the photograph taken of the race shows that Clarion was ahead of Solado, for which reason the judges should have declared Clarion the winner or at least declared the race a dead heat. The winning combination as decided by the judges was Emir (No. 2) and Solado (No. 3).

The plaintiff states that he had five tickets at P2 each on Emir and Clarion which should have netted him P3,130. Aside from this he held two tickets to win on Clarion which would have given him a dividend of P280, in addition to the purse of P250 for the winning horse.

## KNOWS EVERY SPOT

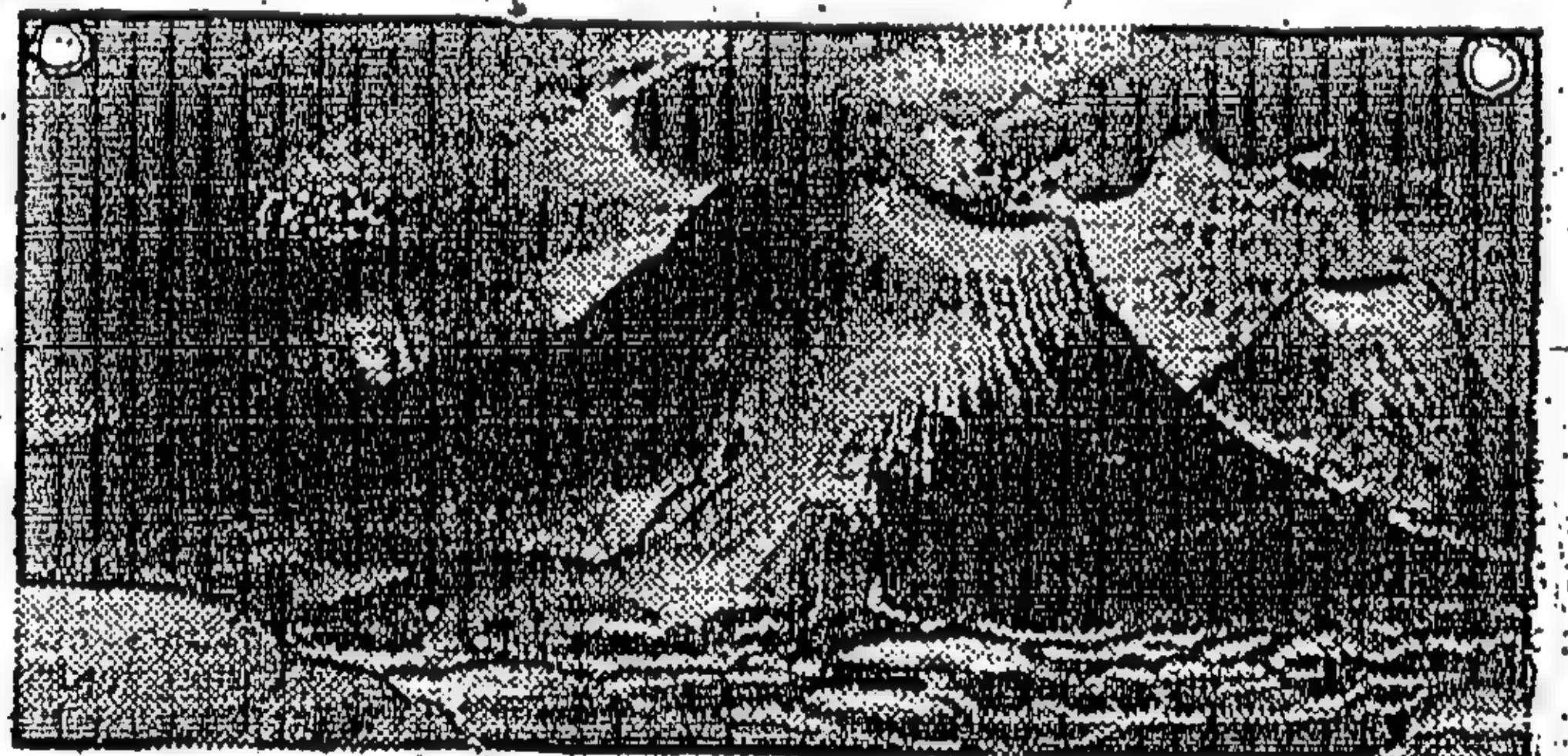
Bill Nicholson, Chicago Cubs' outfielder, has batted in every position from one to nine in the four years he has been in organized baseball.

C. Manson is a keen softballer and, though only starting this season, is already playing in the St. Joseph's team.

## KERMANI IN COLONY

One of Shanghai's better all-round cricketers, F. R. Kermani—one of the stars of the Shanghai Recreation Club—is at present in the Colony on holiday. He turned out for Craigen-gower Cricket Club against University on Saturday but did little of note. He is returning north next week.

It is rumoured that A. M. Omar, who was one of Craigen-gower's 2nd team's opening bowlers in the Cricket League last season, will not be playing this year. He will be devoting all his time to football, with the odd game of softball on Sundays.



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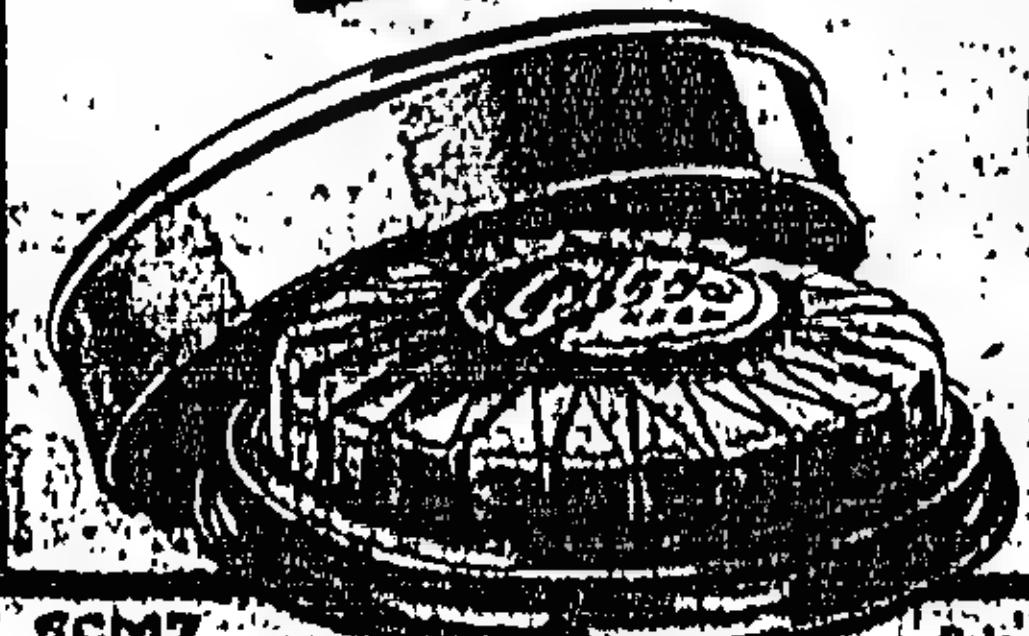
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# AMERICA AND MARTINIQUE

## No Immediate Action Expected By M. Haye

### TWO MORE ITALIAN SUBMARINES SUNK

The destruction of two more Italian submarines by British light forces was announced in a brief Admiralty communique last night.

The hunt in one case was carried out in cooperation with the R.A.F., it was added.—Reuter.

### HUGE FIRE IN CANTON: RUMOURS RIFE

Unconfirmed reports received from Canton last night state that a huge fire broke out in the city at noon yesterday and that it was furiously blazing last night.

Giant columns of flame and smoke were visible from Sha-meen.

There are rumours that the Japanese are preparing to withdraw from Kwangtung and there was much speculation on whether the outbreak of fire was a prelude to the rumoured withdrawal.

Meanwhile, in Chungking unconfirmed reports state that the Japanese in Hankow are making preparations to withdraw.—Our Own Correspondent.

### Border Rumours Baseless

Reports in the Chinese Press this morning stating that the Japanese forces have withdrawn from the Shataukok and Man Kam To areas along the border are unfounded.

Other, contrary, rumours reporting an increase of Japanese strength along the border are also without foundation.

The Japanese have, more or less, 5,000 men, including "puppet" Chinese troops, stationed between Namtau and Shataukok.

According to Japanese sources, the Japanese army in Canton have

## Petaín's Reply To Roosevelt

"There won't be an immediate American move to take over French possessions in the Western Hemisphere," was the belief expressed by the French Ambassador, M. Henri Haye, after delivering Marshal Petaín's reply to President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.

M. Haye told the press that Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Sumner Welles, who both read the reply, seemed favourably impressed.

He said he had no objection to publication of the reply but this was a matter for the State Department.

He scoffed at the idea that the Martinique population would prefer transfer to the American flag.

There was no change in French policy in recent days regarding their western possessions nor in the negotiations with Germany and Italy, M. Haye added.

Reports that peace proposals from Hitler had been transmitted to Washington via the French Embassy and no confirmation either in the State Department or the Embassy.—Reuter.

### Delivered Yesterday

Marshal Petaín's reply to President Roosevelt's message concerning Franco-American relations was delivered yesterday to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, by the French Ambassador in Washington, M. Henri Haye.

M. Haye declined to reveal the contents to newspapermen who questioned him.—Reuter.

## ACTION AFTER THE ELECTION?

AMERICAN ACTION IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA AFTER THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS IS EXPECTED IN SOME QUARTERS IN MARTINIQUE, WHERE AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICERS ARE REPORTED TO BE MAKING REPEATED INQUIRIES ABOUT HOUSING POSSIBILITIES.

American-built warplanes originally destined for France, which were held up at Martinique, are still at the flying-field, and it is reported they are so rusty that they are unserviceable.—Reuter.

no intention of withdrawing, contrary to Chinese reports.

### SHOCK FOLLOWS SHOCK FOR ITALIAN ARMIES

(Continued from Page 1)

Greek position the Greeks, although lacking any anti-tank equipment, held their fire until the last moment.

Met by a sudden hail of lead the Italians turned and fled.

Another report is that Albanian irregulars have broken up and destroyed an Italian motorised convoy.

### Superior Morale

Altogether it appears that the enemy have no heart for the campaign and all despatches emphasise the superior morale and great courage of the Greek soldiers.

Nevertheless an intensified effort by the Italian High Command to retrieve the situation is expected soon.

Reliable reports received in Belgrade from the Greek frontier state the Greeks are now vigorously bombarding Koritza, the Italian supply base seven miles inside the Albanian frontier.

On Sunday Greek planes bombed Koritza without meeting opposition.

It is also reported that the Greeks have captured the town of Biklichia, just inside the Albanian frontier, on the road from Koritza to Florina.

It is learned there have been frequent desertions from the Albanian troops on the Koritza front.—Reuter.

### BRITAIN ORDERS MORE BOMBERS

From San Diego comes news that Britain has placed a contract with Consolidated Aircraft for seven of the company's large 4-engine long-range bombers.—Reuter.

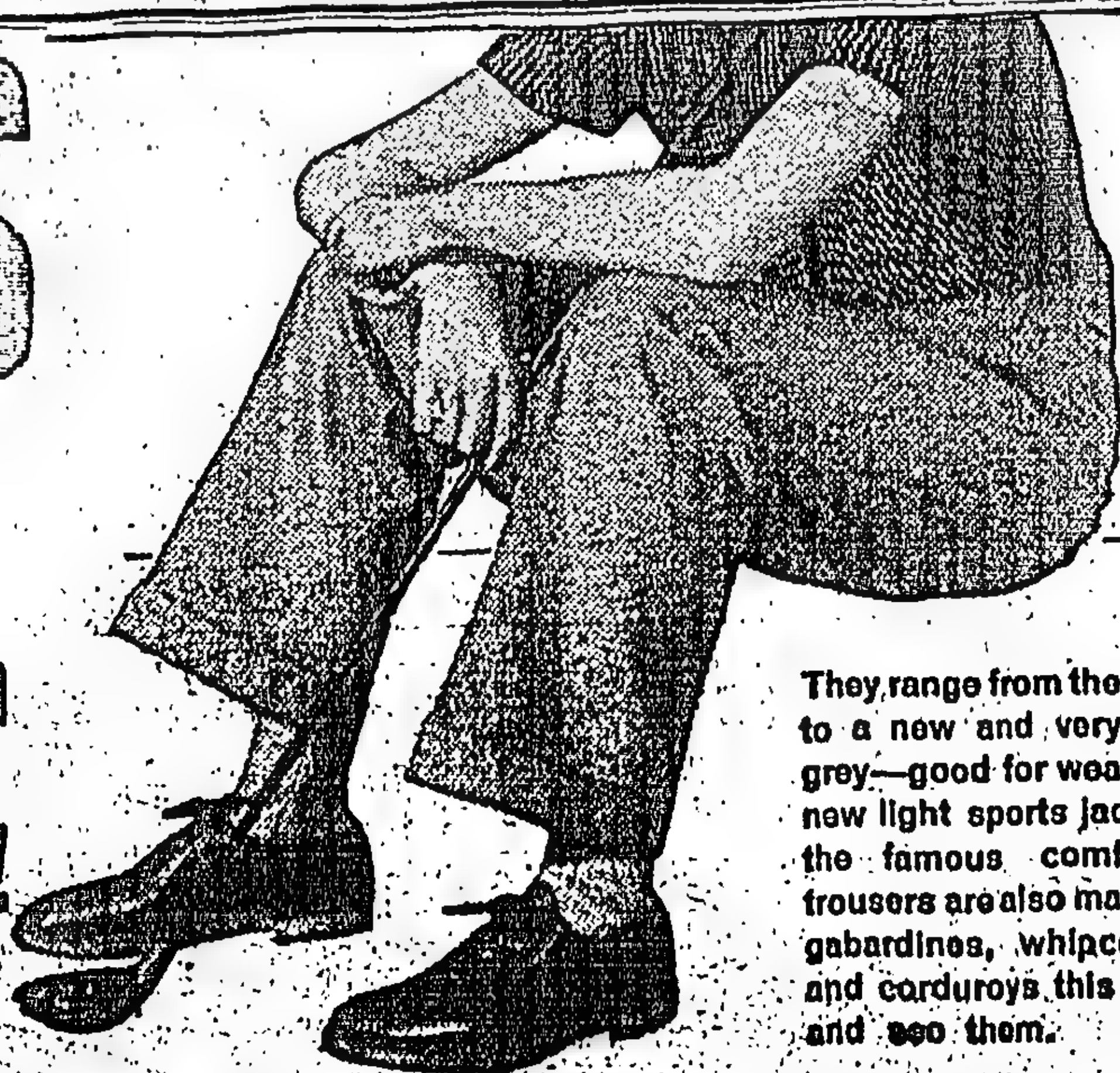
## STOP PRESS

Before the Compulsory Service Appeals tribunal at the Supreme Court this morning, composed of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor (chairman), Brigadier A. B. Thomson and the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. J. M. Hood, an engineer, withdrew his appeal on assurance by the chairman that he would be posted to the Service Corps unit of the Volunteers. The chairman said that the Adjutant of the Volunteers had assured him that appellant would be posted to the Service corps where his motor and engineering knowledge would be of great help.

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Over 300 evacuees from Ching-wangtao and 200 from Zinsen, Korea, will be on board the vessel, and American President Line officials expect the vessel will be "pretty full" on its return journey to America. With the Mariposa's sailing it is expected that only about 600 of Shanghai's 4,000 Americans will be evacuated.

Consular and steamship circles, however, are of opinion it would be possible to evacuate all women and children by the end of next month. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East winds, moderate; fair to showery.

### Imponderables May "AT MERCY OF THE VICTOR"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE, BETWEEN 50 TO 55 MILLION STRONG, FROM SKYSCRAPER-STUDDED CITIES TO THE SMALLEST HAMLET IN THE NATION'S 126,000 VOTING PRECINCTS, MARCHES TO THE POLLS TO-DAY TO DECIDE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN HISTORY.

#### JAPANESE EX-INTERNEE LEAVES H.K.

Mr. G. Yamaguchi, who was interned by the Hong Kong authorities for almost three months in the La Salle College Internment Camp, left for Japan yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Yamaguchi.

Main issue revolves around the question whether to break precedent and elect President Roosevelt for a third term because of the international emergency or to abide to the 150-year-old tradition and elect Mr. Wendell Willkie on the programme of "unity" he outlined as the basis for a revival of prosperity.

The outcome of the most dramatic and spectacular contest in the nation's modern history remains in doubt, "with a photo finish" indicated, but the claims of the rival camps are so divergent that there also appears the unpredicted possibility of a landslide for either candidate.

Both candidates kept up the fight for votes until past midnight and will continue until the first polls open.

Both appeared equally confident of victory as they made final appeals for support to millions of independent and doubtful voters.

President Roosevelt wound up his campaign at his Hyde Park estate after a "speaking" tour of neighbouring counties and a nationwide broadcast.

#### Willkie Appeals To Women

Mr. Willkie filled the day with speeches in New York City and appealed to women to "support him on a 'no war' pledge."

IMPONDERABLES C A S T DOUBT ON ALL FORECASTS OF THE RESULT, AND VETERAN POLITICIANS IN BOTH CAMPS ARE PUZZLED.

The weather may be an important factor.

Good weather it is thought will aid Mr. Willkie, who is expected to mass a tremendous

rural vote which the weather will affect more than in the cities.

Other unpredictable factors are, first, the record breaking registration, second, the women's vote, largely affected by the war issue, and third, the split in the vast Labour vote. — International News Service.

### HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING IN THE FLORINA SECTOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FIGHTING DESPERATELY with bayonets and hand grenades the Greeks have taken the offensive in the southern sector and have driven the Italians back over the Albanian frontier.

A Greek communique issued in Athens yesterday reported the capture of a new range of foot-hills in Albania and described the turning back of a mechanised Italian attack on the Epirus front, where nine Italian tanks were destroyed.

Other despatches report heavy snowstorms in the frontier mountains which are hampering the movements of mechanised units.

Heavy enemy attacks in the Florina sector have been repulsed.

Intense Italian air attacks are continuing, mostly on positions taken from them by the Greeks, but Salonika has again been raided with a number of cas-

ualties. It is claimed that three, and perhaps four, Italian planes have been downed.

#### Ferocious Attack

Reports reaching Budapest last night speak of ferocious Italo-Greek hand-to-hand fighting in the Florina region. The reports coincide with predictions of an

intensification of the Italian offensive in a few days.

Some conjecture has been caused by an Athens despatch claiming the Greek capture of an "important bridgehead on the Kalamas River," some miles south of the frontier and deeper in Greek territory than even the Italians claim to have penetrated.

It is possible, however, that this bridgehead is on the route over which the Italians are trying to push southward on the Adriatic coast to the important naval base at Preveza. — International News Service.

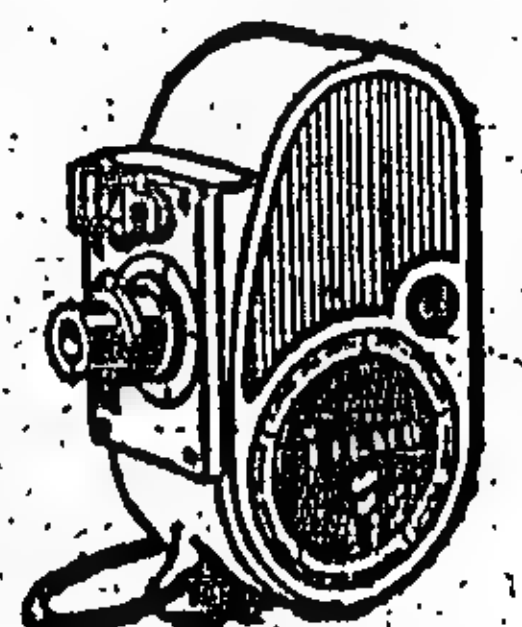
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Republican newspapers have read significance into the fact that Mr. James Farley, Chairman of the New York State Democratic organisation, did not send the usual message of confidence to up-State Democratic leaders but cabled: "Extremely urgent that every possible vote be brought to the polls."

### BERLIN DROPS PEACE IDEA

The Wilhelmstrasse yesterday gave the quietus to reports about alleged peace moves by the Axis powers.

"In view of their present political and military position Germany and Italy have no reason for making a peace offer to the enemy," it was stated.—Reuter.

### GEN. SMUTS WARNS S. AFRICA

A vivid description of the danger in which the Union of South Africa stood in these days of long-range bombers, was given by General Smuts, the Premier, in an interview with the South African Press Association at Pretoria yesterday on his return from a tour in the north.

The Union would be in great danger, he said, if South Africa did not send troops to the north. General Smuts said the Lockheed-Hudson plane in which he travelled often flew over 800 miles an hour but was continually outstripped by the accompanying American-built Martin bomber, one of a number originally ordered for France but taken over by the Union Government after France's collapse.

The Martin bomber, he said, could bring a full load of bombs from Kenya and bomb Pretoria. The pilot could leave Kenya in the morning and be at Pretoria after lunch.

General Smuts declared the morale of the Union troops was excellent and all they wanted was to fight.—Reuter.

Nevertheless, Washington opinion is that President Roosevelt will be re-elected for the bitterly debated third term.

It is likely to be a record poll. Seldom have Americans taken a presidential campaign so seriously.

One of the most remarkable features of the campaign has been the manner both candidates have been obliged to deal with the war and foreign issues, which earlier had been ignored.

### Willkie Handicap

Most enthusiastic applause for President Roosevelt was at Cleveland on his promise of aid for Britain and his attacks against Nazism and Communism, while Mr. Wendell Willkie's most recent trump card has been his promise he would do more for Britain than President Roosevelt.

Undoubtedly one of Mr. Willkie's handicaps is his isolationist Republican following.

Many Republican supporters do not like the idea that Representative Hamilton Fish, the isolationist Republican Congressman, would probably be chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee if Mr. Willkie wins.

### "Squawking Albatross"

For instance, Claire Boothe, the famous playwright, has been campaigning for Mr. Willkie but also urging the election of the Democratic opponent of Mr. Hamilton Fish whom she calls the "squawking albatross of myopic isolationism."

Meanwhile, Mr. Willkie, in an eye of election speech to New York women, declaring that he would never "take the United States to war until your representatives in Congress have declared it," gave a pledge that "my every act as President will be to keep this country out of foreign wars and keep it at peace." — Reuter.

### BACK TO NORMAL

SWISS CORRESPONDENTS IN ROME DRAW ATTENTION TO THE SIGNIFICANT FACT THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ITALIAN PRESS HAS RESUMED ITS SEVERE ATTACKS ON FRANCE SINCE THE HITLER/MUSSOLINI MEETING IN FLORENCE. It is suggested that they may have had it brought home to them that although France was defeated, she is far from being dead. — Reuter.

### BRITAIN ORDERS MORE BOMBERS

From San Diego comes news that Britain has placed a contract with Consolidated Aircraft for seven of the company's large 4-engine long-range bombers. — Reuter.

### BAN ON LUXURIES PART LIFTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE BAN ON THE SALE OF LUXURY GOODS WILL BE LIFTED FOR 60 STORES IN JAPAN ON CONDITION THAT SALES OF LUXURY GOODS ARE MADE TO FOREIGN TOURISTS ONLY, SAYS THE "YOMIURI SHIMBUN" IN TOKYO.

The decision was prompted after the owners of the stores, which deal in kimonos and other souvenir goods, made a special request to the authorities to rescind the ban for them.

The stores will report the price of goods sold and will furnish the authorities with the names and addresses of purchasers.

Foreigners wishing to make purchases in these stores will have to furnish proof that they are bona fide tourists. — Havas.

### GIRL'S CHARGES

CONFLICTING STORIES WERE RELATED BEFORE MR. A. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, BY AN 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL, CHAN HING, WHO WAS CHARGED WITH THEFT FROM A TAXI-DRIVER, TAM ON, AT NO. 61, SPRING GARDEN LANE ON OCTOBER 20.

The girl said that she was taken to Caroline Hill by Tam and another taxi-driver, and there the two men, she alleged, interfered with her. She said that she took the articles out of revenge.

According to the Police, the girl, who was a foster sister of the taxi-driver's wife, went to No. 61, Spring Garden Lane on October 20, and told the wife that her husband had had an accident and was lying in the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition. During the absence of his wife, defendant took the jewellery and money and decamped.

She was arrested in Shaikwan a few days later.

Defendant was remanded for 72 hours.

Detective Sergeant V. Morrison is in charge of the case.

### FRANCE'S FOOD PROBLEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Restricted fuel consumption three days a week and the distribution of potatoes in all large cities are the main measures contemplated by the French Government to solve the food problem for the winter, it was declared in Vichy yesterday. The price problem dominates the situation and a measure aiming at the unification of retail prices all over France will be taken. — Havas.

### FALL IN SHANGHAI RICE PRICES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The price of rice in Shanghai has fallen slightly since Friday due to the arrival of considerable quantities of rice from abroad as well as the sale under market level prices of broken Saigon rice to the poor.

During the past three days about 4,300 of broken Saigon rice have been sold to the needy, thus taking care of approximately 20 per cent of the city's demands. — Havas.



The hop pickers high in the Kentish Weald are not letting air raid warnings stop them from carrying on. They are sticking by the bins in the daytime and staying in their hop-houses at night to get a good sleep. Photo shows three generations. (Left to right): Mrs. J. Tolhurst (Pearly Queen of Walworth) Mrs. Duckworth (mother of Mrs. Tolhurst) and Miss Norah Tolhurst (daughter of the Pearly Queen) carrying on in the hop fields with a smile. (Copyright, Fox).

## FIGHTING TO SECURE SHAPE OF WORLD TO COME

DISCUSSING WAR AIMS in the Empire broadcast yesterday the Under-Secretary of State for Air Captain Harold Balfour, said he believed one aim was clear and universal to all — the defeat of Nazi Germany — but the British ought not to confine themselves to this.

"Nazism and all it stands for must be strangled. The young men of the R.A.F. — the youth of the British Commonwealth of Nations — are fighting to win the war. — We must secure the shape of the world to come."

Capt. Balfour continued: "We are fighting for a positive cause with the future and not merely a negative cause with the past. Nazi philosophy—evil as it is—is positive: Must we not look upon Democracy as being equally positive?"

We must never talk or think as if we were trying to save some dusty old code of living which is on its last legs, for Democracy is actually an adaptable philosophy of life able to accept change through evolution rather than revolution.

### Not A Mere Survival

Democracy is not merely a genteel survival from our grandfathers but has spirit, body and future.

I would like our young airmen to feel that the glorious achievement in which they are taking part is not merely a struggle to keep what we have. It is a struggle to keep the future safe. Let the past take care of itself.

Even though every material memorial of our past were effaced we know we are fighting for a just and mighty order which will still be possible in Britain and the Empire.

Our cause does not depend upon the ghosts of the lovely old London which bombs may batter but upon the living vitality which we will build anew.

### A New Dawn

It is not over the wicked vandalism of damaged St. Paul's that we must weep but rather over the death of even one young man who might have built a new St. Paul's.

When we use the word Democracy it is not with thoughts of the mellow evening of days gone by but of the dawn of something so tremendous in opportunities that its glare can dazzle our eyes.

The young men of our Empire who are defending freedom for the world to-day are the ones to whom we must look in shaping the world to come. We shall have great need in peace as in war of their service. — British Wireless.

### GEN. SMUTS BRIMS WITH CONFIDENCE

"I carried away a reassuring impression of the situation as a whole," stated General Smuts, the South African Premier, referring in Pretoria yesterday to the review of the military situation at Khartoum between himself, Mr. Anthony Eden and General Wavell.

"Now that Hitler's plan against heroic Britain has gone wrong and another attack could only be repeated with even less chance of success, the war is flowing towards the Middle East, nearer Asia and northern Africa."

"Some of the decisive phases of the war may yet be decided in the Mediterranean basin."

"The offensive spirit which British strategy is developing and the strange lack of enterprise and initiative on the part of Italy, and the enemy's ever lengthening land communications through hostile countries as he moves to Africa and Asia, are in our favour. I look forward happily to future developments." — Reuter.



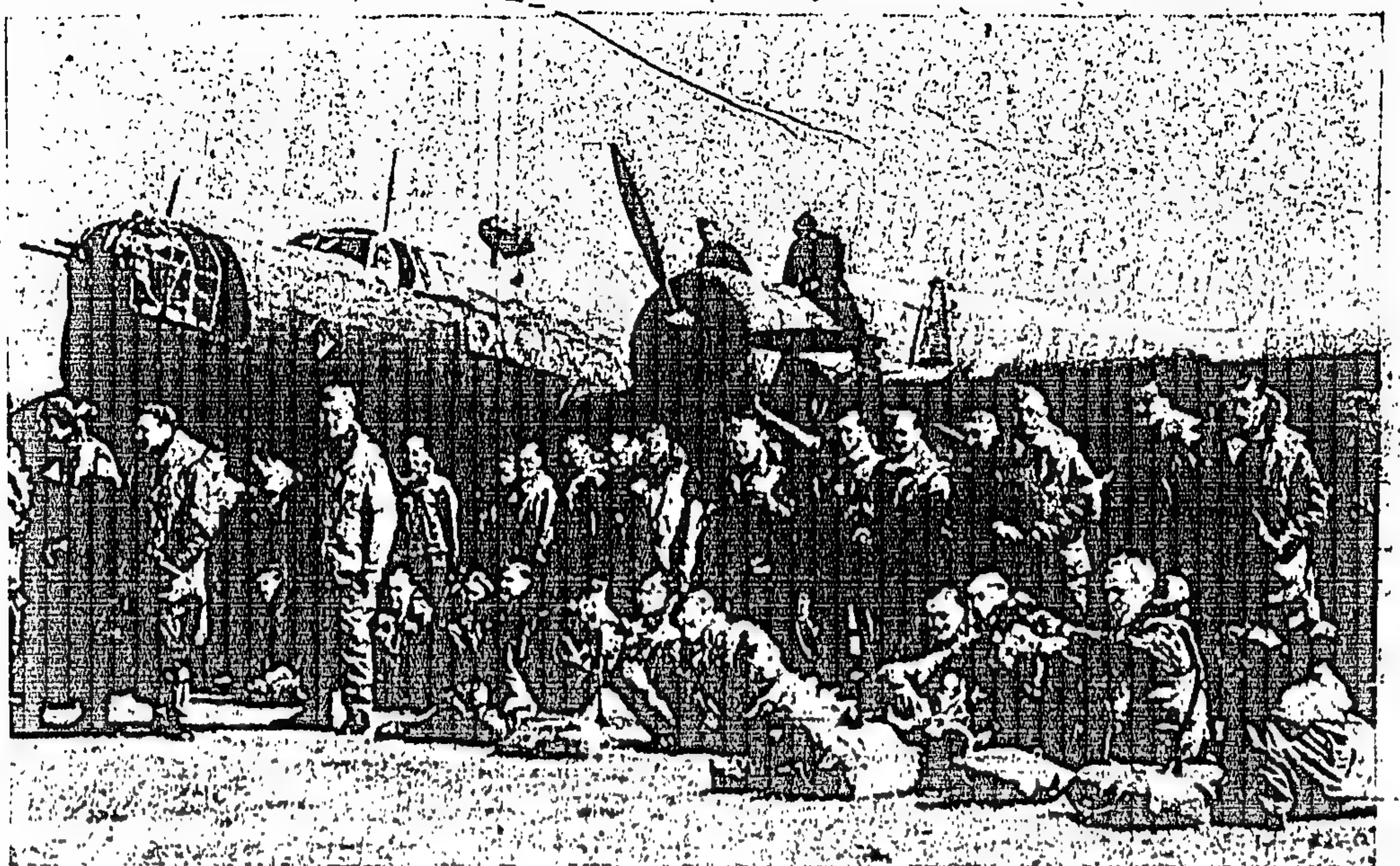
# SPANISH ACTION AT TANGIER

## Military Commander Takes Over "Full Charge"

### Legislative Assembly "Dissolved"

Colonel Yuste, Commander of the Spanish troops in the International Zone of Tangier, yesterday issued an order dissolving the Committee of Control and the Legislative Assembly and announcing that he is taking "full charge" of the Zone.

The taking over of Tangier by Spain is confirmed in British official circles in London and is receiving careful consideration.



Picture taken during a visit to an R.A.F. station "somewhere in Britain" shows some of the personnel who shattered the myth that Berlin is so well protected by A.A. batteries that no enemy raider could get within bombing distance. (Copyright, Fox).

### London Raidfree For 24 Hours

The London area has been without an air raid alert for 24 hours—the longest period of calm since the mass German air attacks began nearly two months ago.

The Air Ministry, announcing this last evening, added that very few enemy aircraft had crossed the coast during the day.

Bombs were dropped in the London area and widely separated points in the Midlands and East Anglia.

This caused damage to a few houses. A small number of people were killed and injured. — Reuter.

### TIENTSIN POLICE PAY PROBLEM

FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BY THE COUNCILLORS, THE BRITISH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN TIENTSIN IS EXPECTED TO TAKE A FORMAL DECISION ON THURSDAY REGARDING THE DEMANDS OF THE CHINESE POLICE CONSTABLES WHICH HITHERTO HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY REVEALED.

A primary issue in last Friday's "blitz strike" was an increase in wages. This may burden the budget up to \$100,000 a year because any revision might include other employees of the British Municipal Council within the same pay group.

Chinese constables are now performing all duties as normal. — Reuter.

### WRITING IN THE SKY

TWELVE SWEDISH JOURNALISTS HAVE JUST RETURNED TO STOCKHOLM FROM A VISIT TO BERLIN, PARIS AND BRUSSELS.

They report that travellers from Berlin to Vichy have to change trains 27 times owing to traffic difficulties.

British planes, they say, recently flew over Paris and wrote "Courage! Resistance!" in the sky over the city. — Reuter.

It is recalled that Spanish Moroccan troops occupied Tangier on June 14 by agreement with the International authorities.

Spain asserted the step was taken to preserve order and that the international status of the Zone would continue. The International Zone of Tangier came into being in 1925 under an agreement between Britain, France, Spain and Italy.

The agreement provided for a complete international administration of the Zone, except as regards native affairs, which were reserved to the Sherifian authority.

### Awaiting Information

Since June 14 this year the international regime had been functioning normally.

On Sunday the British representative at Tangier was informed of the Spanish authorities' latest decision but it was understood that the Spanish military commander would maintain both the neutrality of the Zone and the international administration.

The British Government will define its attitude when further clarification is received. — Reuter.

### N.E.I. POLICY DEFINED

The trade talks with Japan have so far given no results but "may be continued," according to a statement by the Netherlands East Indies Government in Batavia yesterday.

The statement stresses, however, that the "closest watch will be given to the possibility of direct or indirect advantages accruing to the enemy of the Netherlands."

Referring to the Nazi "new European order" the statement "wholly and absolutely refutes the participation of another power in our own affairs in the Netherlands East Indies."

The Netherlands Government equally rejects a "world economy" which would enslave the Netherlands East Indies in a so-called Asiatic bloc. — Reuter.

### DANUBE TALKS INTERRUPTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was understood in Bucharest yesterday that the Maritime Danubian Commission was compelled to interrupt its proceedings for a few days owing to the necessity of examining certain Soviet proposals. The proceedings are expected to be resumed to-morrow. The Commission has been sitting in Bucharest since last week. — Havas.

### MR. BEVIN GIVES IT 6 MONTHS

"Hitler and Mussolini are rats, and they will squeal and run directly their turn comes!" Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister for Labour and National Service, told factory workers at Rugby yesterday.

"GIVE US ANOTHER SIX MONTHS' INTENSIVE PRODUCTION AND WE SHALL HAVE PASSED GERMANY AND THE UGLY NAZI REGIME WILL CRUMBLE IN HITLER'S HANDS," DECLARED MR. ERNEST BEVIN.

"In six months," he said, "we shall have passed Germany in aircraft, ships and guns, and I venture to prophecy that immediately we have done so the world will move back to a peaceful time of reconstruction, the wiping away of privilege and to the growth of knowledge." — Reuter.

### ATHENS BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") DESPITE OFFICIAL ITALIAN PROMISES TO SPARE ATHENS AN ITALIAN PLANE YESTERDAY DROPPED A BOMB IN A WORKING CLASS DISTRICT, KILLING SEVERAL PERSONS.

The presence of British fighters in the Greek capital was revealed when the moment the raid warning was sounded British planes took to the air and the Italian pilot fled after dropping a solitary bomb. — International News Service.

### RUSSIAN EMIGRES TO BE TAXED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The movement to have local Russian emigrants in Shanghai pay a monthly tax has been finally approved and will be effective from November 1. No details have yet been disclosed. Money thus collected will be used for educational and charity purposes. — Havas.

### DEATH OF DR. AZANA

Dr. Manuel Azana, former President of the Spanish Republic, died on Sunday night at Montauban, in France, it was reported in Vichy yesterday. Dr. Azana, who was 60, had been ill for some months. — Reuter.

### JAPANESE BLUE STOCKING DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In view of the new structure in Japan, the present trend towards luxury and pleasure seeking in the country's leading hot spring resorts should be stopped and the resorts used solely as places to regain health, the directors of Japan's Hot Spring Resort Society decided at a meeting yesterday.

Several resolutions were adopted stressing that the present practice of running both hotel and restaurant in the same building should be discontinued.

Strict measures will be taken against such anti-war-time practices as accompanying geisha girls to resorts. — Havas.

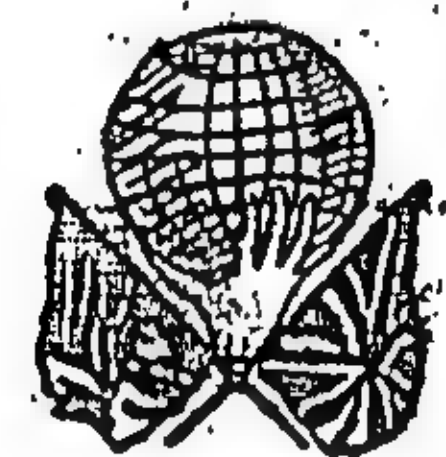
### FRENCH SHIPPING STANDSTILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Since many French merchant ships have been forced by the international situation to remain in harbours in French Morocco for an indefinite period, a special maritime tribunal which will deal with cases pertaining to the French Merchant Marine will be set up in Morocco, according to a Vichy communiqué yesterday. First reason for this measure was to grant local authorities the necessary means of maintaining discipline among the crews. — Havas.

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# NORTH SEA AIR WAR: OFFENSIVE NOW ON R.A.F. HANDS

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

**BRITAIN HAS WON supremacy in the air war over the North Sea and the offensive there is definitely in British hands now.**

Lockheed Hudson bomber and reconnaissance 'planes, Blenheim long-distance fighters, Sunderland flyingboats and Beaufort torpedo-bombers have snatched the lead from similar German types.

The daily work of British squadrons guarding the North Sea includes patrols over British convoys all day long, anti-invasion patrols over routes that the Germans may use to invade the eastern seaboard of England at night, and at all times the search for ship-wrecked seamen and lost airmen.

Shadowing and attacking German submarines from the Danish coast to the northern tip of Norway, besides attacking land objectives in enemy occupied territory, is also part of the constant routine. One squadron I visited two days ago, for example, up to the end of September had made over 100 attacks on enemy naval craft and merchant vessels.

## U-Boat Warfare

Intensification of U-boat warfare has not made the North Sea zone unhealthy for British shipping, thanks to the brilliant R.A.F. and Navy cooperation.

"Enemy submarines are rarely sighted on our beat now," I was told at one Bomber Command.

The watchfulness of the Coastal Command has also reduced to a mere trickle the passage of enemy convoys along the Nazi-controlled north European coast line. — Reuter.

## KING'S BIRTHDAY GREETING TO LEOPOLD

King George's greetings on the anniversary of King Leopold's birthday on Sunday were presented according to custom through the Belgian Ambassador in London, says Reuter.

## WAR WEAPONS WEEK

The Prime Minister has sent the following message for the opening of War Weapons Week in Edinburgh:

"It is the privilege of Scotsmen to-day to be the champions of that cause of freedom for which their fathers in past generations thought no sacrifices too hard. Faithful to their traditions they endure the struggle with devotion and resolve."

"It is not given to all of us to serve in the armed forces but on each single citizen falls the duty of supporting those forces by his thrift and contributions to the utmost of his power."

First day's total was £1,250,000. — British Wireless.

## WANCHAI INCIDENT

Charged with assaulting Det. Sergeant V. Morrison by throwing a lighted cigarette into his face, Hau Sang, 27, a car driver, was fined \$50 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

At about 9.15 p.m. yesterday, Sgt. Morrison was driving his car in Hennessy Road near Stewart Road, and saw defendant standing in the middle of the road. He pulled up and asked defendant why he was standing there. Defendant, it was alleged, without a word, threw the lighted cigarette into St. Morrison's face.

## FUNERAL OF SR. AZANA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The Mexican Minister to France, Senor Luis Rodriguez, accompanied by the military attache, Colonel Alamillo, went to Montauban yesterday to attend the funeral of Manuel Azana, former President of the Spanish Republic, who died on Sunday. Senor Azana had lived in Montauban since General Franco's victory. — Havas.

## ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE

The Archbishop of Canterbury has addressed the following message to Chrysanthos, Archbishop of Athens and Primate of Greece: "In the name of the Church of England I send to your Beatitude and bishop, clergy and people of your Church a message of sympathy and encouragement on the occasion of the unprovoked assault upon your country. I pray that by God's blessing and with the help of this country the freedom of Greece may be preserved." — British Wireless.

## NAZIS CHECK ON REFUGEES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The temporary suspension of the return of refugees within the occupied zone in France was announced in Vichy yesterday. Suspension is due to the fact that the German authorities are now elaborating the status of all prospective refugees. — Havas.

## VICHY AIR MINISTER NOW IN ALGIERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
General Bergeret, French Air Minister, landed at Algiers from Vichy yesterday to inspect the French air force in North Africa. — Havas.

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## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER

APPEAL  
WITHDRAWN

Before the Compulsory Service Appeals tribunal at the Supreme Court this morning, composed of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor (chairman), Brigadier A. B. Thomson and the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. J. M. Hood, an engineer, withdrew his appeal on an assurance by the chairman that he would be posted to the Service Corps unit of the Volunteers. The chairman said that the Adjutant of the Volunteers had assured him that appellant would be posted to the Service corps where his motor and engineering knowledge would be of great help.

BLUE POOL ROAD  
ROBBERY

Lieut.-Comdr. J. C. M. Grenham, of No. 23, Blue Pool Road, has reported the theft of clothing and jewellery, valued at \$418, from his residence yesterday.

BURGLAR  
BITTEN  
BY SNAKE

LI PING, 32, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, WITH BURGLARY AT NO. 405, REPULSE BAY ROAD, RESIDENCE OF MR. RAES, ON SUNDAY MORNING.

Inspector W. N. Darkin who prosecuted told the Court that defendant broke into the house at about 3.30 a.m. on Sunday, by removing a pane of glass. He stole rain coats, woollen clothing, silver ware and other articles to the value of \$500.

Accused was alarmed when a small dog began barking on the first floor of the house, and then running across the lawn outside the house, he was bitten by a snake.

Defendant was wearing a stolen raincoat when arrested.

Other articles were recovered by the Police from a nullah near the residence.

Defendant was sentenced to one year's hard labour.

BOMBING  
A BERLIN  
GASWORKS

## A Pilot's Experience

A flying officer in one of our heavy bomber squadrons described in a broadcast in the B.B.C. Home Service the scene which followed the bombing of a large gas works during a recent raid on military objectives in Berlin. He said:—

We got a certain amount of anti-aircraft fire on the way out, but nothing remarkable. By the time we arrived there were already a lot of aircraft buzzing about, and flares were dropping all over the place. One could pick out streets and railways, small parks, and places like that.

Over the city the guns were letting off at us pretty heavily, but we were not hit. We found our target without any difficulty. It was a gas-generating plant only a few miles from the centre of Berlin. Someone else had started two fires in the north-east corner of it and we ran up from west to east. My second pilot was flying the aircraft and I was doing the bomb-aiming. By this time we were down to 8,000ft. and I could clearly see the outside of the works.

Perhaps I ought just to explain here, very briefly, how the bombing is done. The bomb-aimer is lying flat on his face in the nose of the aircraft, looking down through a large glass panel which takes the place of the floor. Allowances have to be made on the bomb sight for the speed and direction of the wind, the height and speed of the aircraft, and so on. Then, when the target comes in line with the pointers on the fore and back sight, the bomb-aimer presses the firing switch—and down they go.

## Terrific Sight

On this occasion when the bombs burst there were four huge explosions across the works. I think that the first one must have hit a gasometer; so far as I could see there was no other explanation for what happened.

There was a violent eruption upwards and outwards. It reminded me of a scene on the films. The first four large explosions were followed by a series of smaller explosions.

Two huge fires started and great tongues of flame leaped up—I estimated that they must have been rising to 1,500ft.—then dense clouds of smoke began to pour out. It was the most terrific sight I have ever seen. The bombs had fallen about 50 yards apart. Almost immediately the fires and explosions seemed to link up, and for a distance of 200 yards through the works there was this great mass of flames.

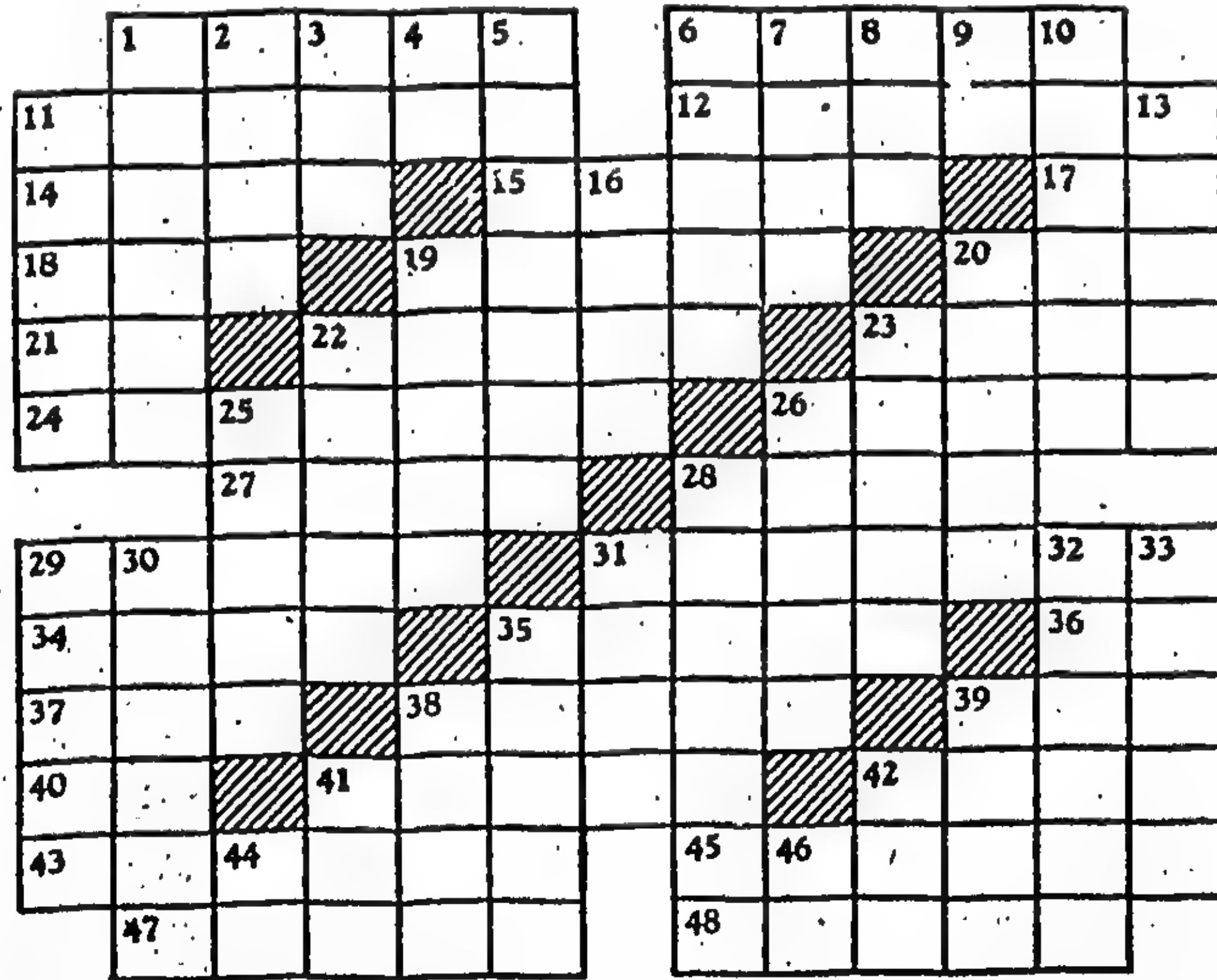
Next I saw our incendiaries falling on the western edge of the plant. They take longer to get down than the heavy bombs. What part of the works they hit I don't know, but I could see large clusters of brilliant coloured flashes on the ground. In the light of the explosions I had seen momentarily two long buildings and a tower. Then the aircraft passed over and I could not see any more from the front, but the rear gunner said he saw one of the buildings collapse in flames.

MORE CANADIANS  
ARRIVE IN BRITAIN

TWO MORE BATTALIONS OF CANADIANS ARRIVED IN BRITAIN YESTERDAY, AND WERE GREETED BY MAJOR GENERAL ODLUM, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE SECOND CANADIAN DIVISION.

They will undergo further training. — Reuter.

## OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



## HORIZONTAL

- 1 To conduct
- 6 Took illegally
- 17 City in Greece
- 12 To
- 14 Surpasses
- 15 Wrathful
- 17 Indo-Chinese language
- 18 To piece out
- 19 Apart
- 20 Worm
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 To pass smoothly
- 23 To release
- 24 Commands
- 26 Is afraid
- 27 Acorn-bearing tree
- 28 Vegetable
- 29 To dwell
- 31 Garmet-makers
- 34 Firebird
- 35 Is suspended
- 36 Interjection
- 37 Siamese coin
- 38 Gateway of a Buddhist temple
- 39 Wing
- 40 Pronoun

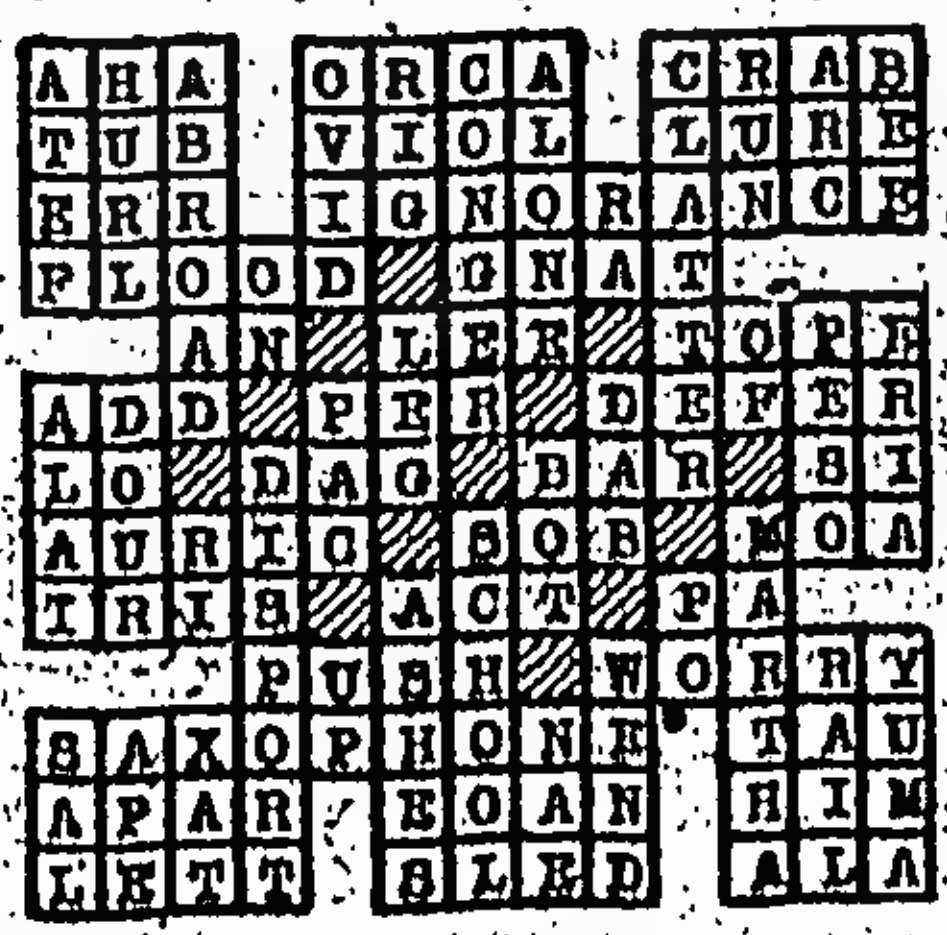
## VERTICAL

- 1 United
- 2 To bind
- 3 Bitter vetch
- 4 Latin conjunction
- 5 Dried grapes
- 6 Furlongs
- 7 To bear
- 8 To be obliged to

## 9 French article

- 10 Rubber
- 11 Metric measure
- 13 Prescribed quantities of medicine
- 16 Disencumbers
- 19 Identical
- 20 Muse of lyric poetry
- 22 Urges
- 23 Thinks
- 25 Junction
- 26 To pretend
- 28 Tropical fruits
- 29 Once more
- 30 Churned milk
- 31 Ancient capital of Ireland
- 32 Swayed from side to side
- 33 One-horse vehicles
- 35 Navajo hut
- 36 Brain membrane
- 39 Handle
- 41 To blossom
- 42 To lubricate
- 44 To exist
- 46 Sun god

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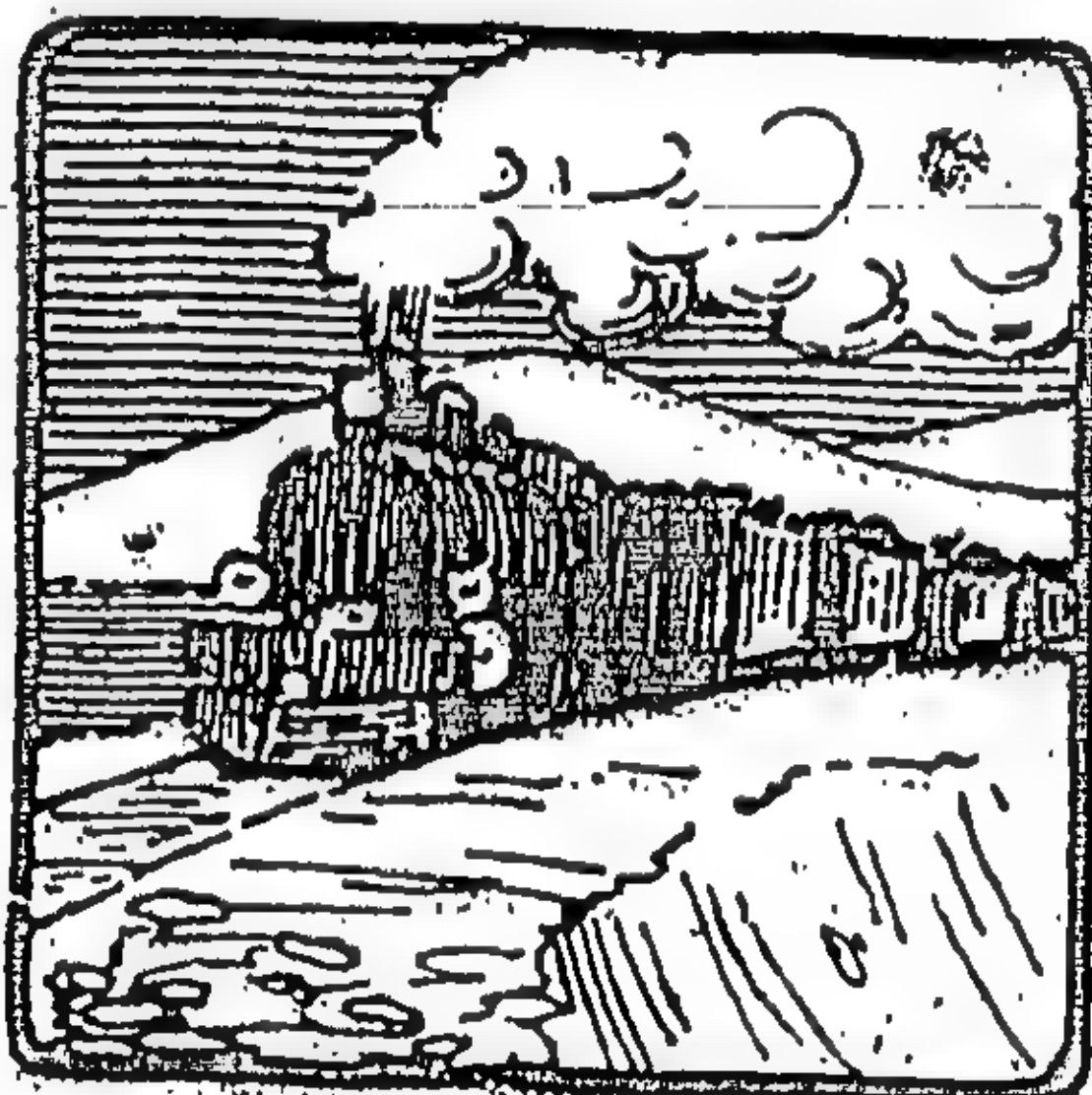
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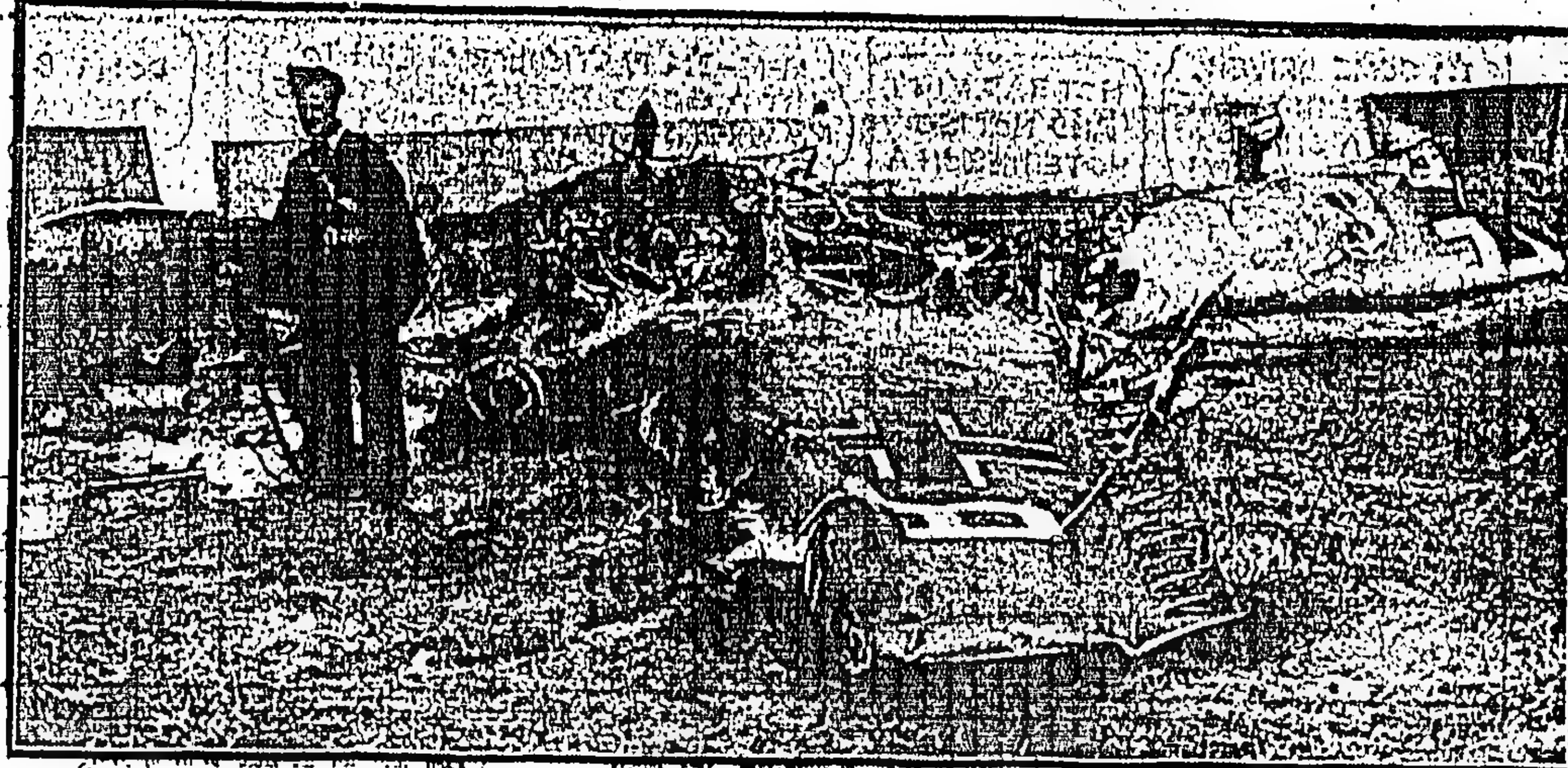
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Another enemy machine which was brought down during raids over England. It was a bomber. (Copyright, Fox).

# TROOPS GET WORM'S EYE VIEW OF BIG AIR BATTLE

THE AIR BATTLE AT Mersa Matruh last Thursday, in which the Italians fantastically claimed 17 aircraft destroyed against three of theirs, was unquestionably a great tonic for the thousands of British troops who saw Italian machines either falling in flames or plunging into the Mediterranean.

From four Savoias and four CR42s brought down only one Italian escaped, according to the Air Ministry news service. He was the second pilot of an S79 which had a crew of five. He baled out, according to his own story, on orders from his first pilot.

Another member of the same crew also baled out but his parachute failed to open. The Savoia came down in a sheet of flames with no possible chance of any of the crew surviving.

The remainder of the crew were buried by British soldiers close to the debris of their machines which crashed into the rocky side of the wadi.

The pilot of one CR42s also had his last resting place out in the desert a few yards from the remains of his burnt-out machine.

In each case British troops raised a pile of stones in which they put a cross made from wreckage of the aircraft.

In a bottle on stones marking the grave of a fighter pilot are written the words: "Here lie the remains of one Italian airman shot down in an air battle on October 31."

### Two To A Cripple

Two CR42s destroyed fell victims to a Gladiator pilot who, as soon as the fight began, realised he had engine trouble. He was at 18,000 feet and gradually losing height and realised he must make a forced landing but below he saw two CR42s.

As he dived the Italians went past him and he let them each have a burst and then saw them go crashing down. Then he landed his own aircraft safely.

A Rhodesian pilot belong to a squadron which has now brought down between thirty and forty Italian aircraft, told of a forty-mile chase he had with a CR42.

"When I first saw it I thought it was a Gladiator," said the pilot.

"I went down to make sure and followed him round. He kept evading me by doing steep turns but in my faster aircraft I was able to keep outside him."

### Three Bursts

"This went on for ten minutes or more and then I let him have three bursts and as he went down I followed and put a fourth into him. He then dived straight into the desert."

Italian losses, eight machines shot down in flames and four others seriously damaged—were at least twice those of the R.A.F. In personnel British losses were one pilot killed and one missing while the enemy must have lost a number up to thirty.—British Wireless.

## AMERICAN ELECTION

Sir,—It is election day in the Western Hemisphere — to-day. U.S. democracy will choose between Roosevelt and Willkie to-day. Republicans against Democrats to-day.

Is this really so? Party against party? To-day?

It seems to me there are incomparably greater issues at stake by which the future will be decisively influenced, perhaps marked and modelled.

In war or in peace, no matter which is to come to the United States, the economic life of the whole hemisphere will be in the foreground and these future economic activities will be directed on similar lines as in European countries, especially Britain. This implies governmental influence, something near to authoritarian direction.

International markets have diminished; the substitutes have not been found. Free trade and the "Wall Street attitude" have passed for ever.

Neither Roosevelt nor Willkie can evade this issue in their electoral platforms because all other issues finally depend on the economic solution.

We are concerned about the help that the United States can give us. Both candidates will do their utmost because they must if they wish America to survive. We don't need soldiers. The Empire contains 450,000,000 inhabitants.

We have to make up for the years of appeasement and the backwardness of our war preparations.

War supplies to obtain in which Hitler has gone far ahead. Help in remedying our deficiencies is all we expect from America — and not from the President as an individual.

I wonder whether the American electorate has realised the real demands of the time, in spite of Gallup polls. It is foresight against far sight. However, I fear that Willkie may win closely.

That means delay for us (until the new office-holders get into their stride) and this is what Hitler wants.

We can only hope that the American people will spoil his anticipations.

OBSERVER.

## HUGE FIRE IN CANTON: RUMOURS RIFE

Unconfirmed reports received from Canton last night state that a huge fire broke out in the city at noon yesterday and that it was furiously blazing last night.

Giant columns of flame and smoke were visible from Sha-men.

There are rumours that the Japanese are preparing to withdraw from Kwangtung and there was much speculation on whether the outbreak of fire was a prelude to the rumoured withdrawal.

Meanwhile, in Chungking unconfirmed reports state that the Japanese in Hankow are making preparations to withdraw.—Our Own Correspondent.

According to Japanese sources, the Japanese army in Canton have no intention of withdrawing, contrary to Chinese reports.

### Border Rumours Baseless

Reports in the Chinese Press this morning stating that the Japanese forces have withdrawn from the Shataukok and Man Kam To areas along the border are unfounded.

Other, contrary, rumours reporting an increase of Japanese strength along the border are also without foundation.

The Japanese have, more or less, 5,000 men, including "puppet" Chinese troops, stationed between Namtau and Shataukok.

## MYSORE TROOPS OFF TO WAR FRONT

ANOTHER UNIT OF THE INDIAN STATE FORCES—THE FIRST DETACHMENT OF THE MYSORE INFANTRY—IS LEAVING ITS HOME STATION FOR ACTIVE SERVICE, STATED THE MADRAS RADIO YESTERDAY.

In a farewell speech to the troops at Bangalore the Maharajah of Mysore announced a number of concessions in the matter of separation and ration allowances.

The Maharajah of Mysore, speaking to the men, told them that they were going to "take part in the great struggle for the maintenance of truth, right honour and justice against those who are seeking to impose brutal tyranny on the world." — Reuter.

### POLISH LEGATION LEAVES RUMANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). The Polish Ambassador to Rumania left Bucharest yesterday with the entire Embassy personnel. — Havas.



# CHINA MAIL

## WINDSOR HOUSE

### "PUNCTUALITY"

Apparently Dr. Joe Goebbels has not yet despaired of his "war of nerves"; the art and practice of talking big is again in full swing in the German press over the terrifying consequences of the Dictators' meeting. The Berlin "Borsen Zeitung" is particularly formidable in paper. "The decisions taken," we are told, "will take effect with clock-like punctuality and the irresistible force of an elemental phenomenon." But it will be noticed that no time-table has been issued to the German citizens patiently waiting in their air-raid shelters; there will, therefore, be no opportunity of checking the "clock-like punctuality" of the impending operations. Considering how exceedingly unpunctual Adolf the All-Terrible was in his various schedules for invading England and taking up his residence at Buckingham Palace, there is much to be said for a little vagueness.

The "irresistible force of an elemental phenomenon" makes a pretty good mouthful, but it is by no means sure that it is, in the circumstances, an altogether happy one. About the most obvious "elemental phenomenon" whose "irresistible force" can be calculated in advance is the tides — and those at once turn the mind to thoughts of the Channel and gales and barges and bombs and British Navies and all sorts of things that seem to be far beyond the control of the German general staffs.

However, Dr. Joe and his minions, in indulging in these large and semi-scientific threats, can certainly plead that they are exploiting a good old German custom. Even in the days of Bismarck German newspapers used a professorial approach to the fee-fo-fi-fum business of terrifying their opponents. There was a famous case in 1870 which left most of the languages of Europe with a phrase the origin of which is now almost entirely forgotten. In discussing the impending bombardment of Paris the "Kreuz-Zeitung" had argued that one of the things that would have to be allowed for in timing the assault and producing the maximum effect on French citizens would be "das psychologische Moment," which actually meant the psychological momentum or factor. Frivolous French journalists seized eagerly on this new

The reconstruction of Mr. Churchill's Ministry may well remind those of us who have long, or longish, political memories of the great administrative shake-up which made history 24 years ago.

In December, 1916, Mr. Lloyd George became Prime Minister, with the enthusiastic approval of a great majority of the nation, and proceeded at once to transform entirely the organisation of the supreme executive authority. To look back upon the work of reform that followed is to realise anew how much the country owed to its author. Things that seemed only natural at the outbreak of this war were unheard of then. There had been no War Cabinet until Mr. Lloyd George created the first one, consisting of, besides himself, Mr. Bonar Law, as leader of the Conservative party, Mr. Henderson, as a representative of Labour, and Lord Milner, as the possessor of administrative talents of the first order—a new recruit who had in his time been branded by the new Prime Minister as a "prancing pro-consul."

Their average age was 56. None of them had departmental duties, because these, it was thought, might have interfered with their concentration on the work of supreme direction of the war effort. Lord Milner and Mr. Henderson were, indeed, Ministers without portfolio of any kind.

Mr. Churchill, it is clear, has decided that this was a principle that had not proved its usefulness. His new War Cabinet, now enlarged from six members to eight, includes but three Ministers

example of the German passion for "talking big." Unfortunately, they mis-translated the German noun and made fun of the phrase as meaning the "psychological moment" of time. The combination of German pedantry and French vivacity in the matter of mistranslation has ever since left Europe with an imposing phrase which, strictly speaking, means next to nothing at all—in which, of course, it resembles many of the all-Nordic efforts of Dr. Joe Goebbels himself.

so unencumbered — Mr. Attlee, Mr. Greenwood and Sir John Anderson. The rest, headed by Mr. Churchill himself, who func-

By E. C. Bentley

tions as Minister of Defence in addition to carrying the Premiership, are the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Minister of Labour, and the Minister of Aircraft Production. Their average age is 59½.

### To-day's Additional Ministries

Consider, again, the Departments of State which now are accepted as ordinary and indispensable features of our system of administration. Before Mr. Lloyd George came upon the scene there was no Minister of Transport; there was no Air Minister; there was no Minister of Food; no Minister of Shipping; no Minister of Pensions; no Minister of National Service; no Minister of Blockade — or as the title now runs, of Economic Warfare; no Ministry of Supply. A number of Parliamentary Secretarieships, since found to be indispensable for the working of their Departments, had not been established.

Mr. Churchill and his predecessors in office since the end of Mr. Lloyd George's tenure of power have been the inheritors of a vast new administrative apparatus which could be, at need, turned over immediately to the tasks of war on the great scale. For this we have indeed reason to be thankful, for the kind of warfare initiated by the Nazi Government of Germany has left us little time for the initiating of new departments in the business of government.

Yet such departures there have been. Most notable and successful in the Ministry of Aircraft Production. There is the Ministry of Home Security, combined at present with the Home Secretaryship. There is the new-born Ministry of Works and Buildings, added to the responsibilities of the First Commissioner of Works. And there is, of course, the Ministry of Information, often a target for bitter criticism, but certainly indispensable in some form for the discharge of its proper functions.

Mr. Lloyd George it was who broke with a tradition held sacred until then by introducing into the high places of Government men who were without experience of or taste for political life; men chosen for their proved ability in

business administration. There were representatives of railways, textiles, coal, hardware, chemicals, newspapers, oil, margarine and sugar.

### Many Spheres

At the Admiralty was Sir Eric Geddes, fresh from railway management. His brother, Sir Auckland, of McGill University, who crossed as a member of the Canadian forces, became Minister of National Service, and Lord Rhondda, whose main experience lay in the Welsh coalfields, was made Minister of Health. Lord Weir was drawn from the engineering trade to be the first Air Minister, and Lord Rothermere was the second: Lord Cowdray, whose interests were in the engineering and oil industries, was given the separate post of President of the Air Board.

Lord Beaverbrook had his first experience of office as Chancellor of the Duchy. Lord Devonport, chairman of the Port of London Authority, was Minister of Food. Sir J. P. Maclay was the First Minister of Shipping — his own province — and Sir S. H. Lever shared with Mr. Stanley Baldwin the duties of Financial Secretary to the Treasury. All these were appointments of the new order, and some were brilliantly successful.

For the carrying on of the present war the Government's net has not been cast so widely. But Mr. Churchill has among his colleagues Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, who has spent his life in the direction of a great retail trading concern; Lord Hankey, who has been in the secrets of a number of Cabinets, but never in politics, holds an advisory post as Chancellor of the Duchy; Sir John Reith, called to office from the headship of Imperial Airways, is now translated by Mr. Churchill to the newly-created position of Minister of Works and Buildings — and assuredly a Herculean labour awaits him.

Lord Beaverbrook, one of the leading figures in the newspaper world, has been an answer to prayer, as Americans say, in the Ministry of Aircraft Production. All these are men whom the war-emergency has brought into office, and whose services the country could ill have spared.

If we come to consider the picture of politics, the atmosphere of public life as it was in the days of the Lloyd-George War Ministry and as it is now, the contrast is striking indeed. To-day there is no organised Opposition; no, nor an unorganised one.

### National Unity Then And Now

We have as Prime Minister a statesman who has had enemies enough in his stormy career; where is there one to-day? His great predecessor of the last war — to whose genius Mr. Churchill has borne telling tribute — was hated from first to last by many who could not clear their minds of the vapour of party vindictiveness. The "sniping" of his Government by an impotent but vocal opposition was among the most depressing features of Parliamentary life in those days.

There was bitter fighting over matters, such as Conscription, which in these times a people schooled in the necessities of war has accepted with eagerness, as a matter of course. There was a not inconsiderable body of opinion that clamoured for "stopping the war" long before a decision in our favour was even in distant prospect.

Never in all our history has there been a time when it could be said, as it can be to-day, that the nation was of a single mind upon a life-and-death public issue, and looked unanimously upon the head of the Government as the right man in the right place.

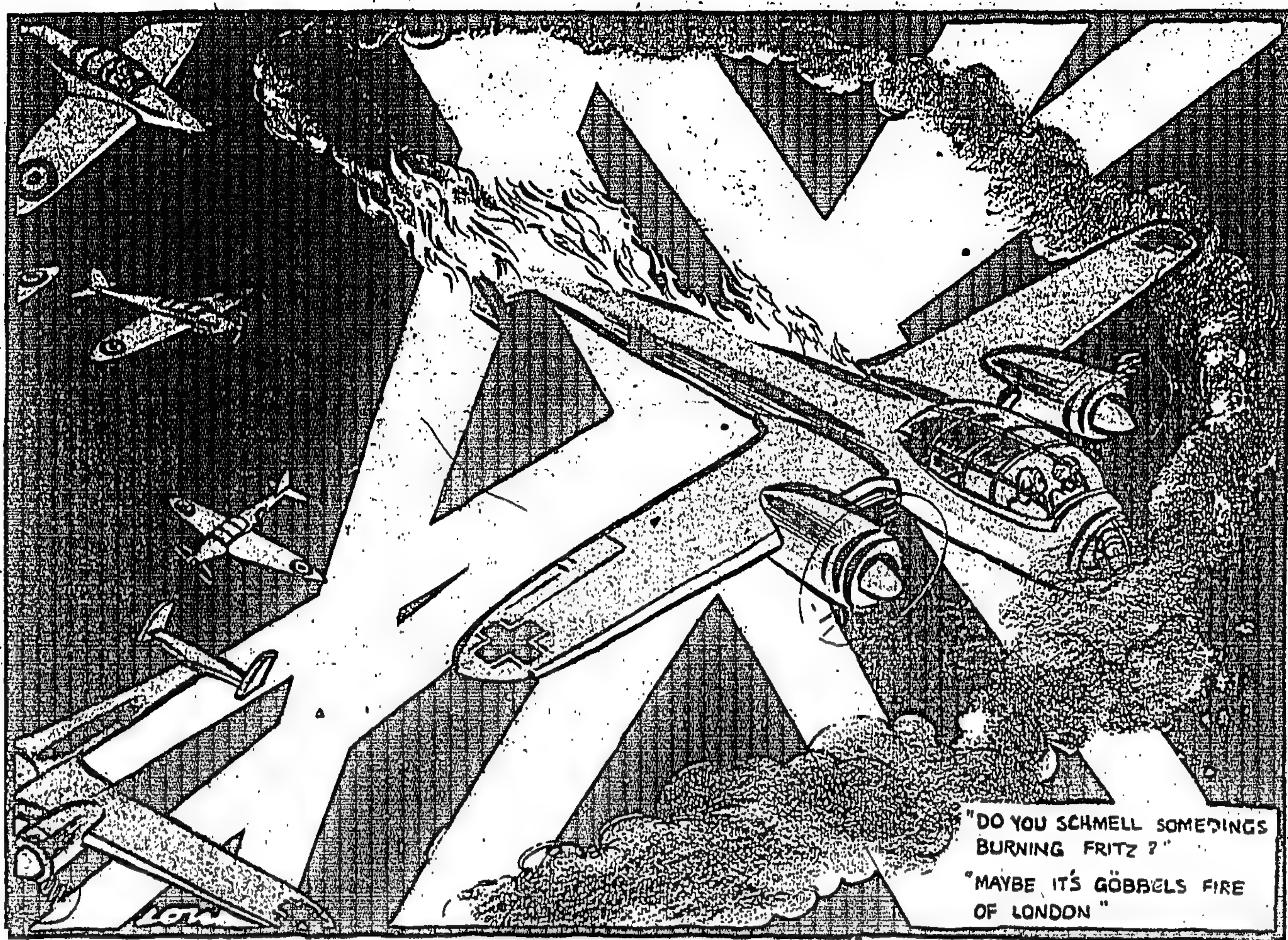
Moreover, over all our public life in 1916 brooded the spectre of Irish disaffection, with all its promise of miseries and horrors soon to come; a prospect to sicken the hearts of those who had enough to grasp of the situation to foresee even a part of the outcome. Whatever view may be taken of the condition of affairs in that country nowadays, we are at least free of that permanent anxiety.

### The Premier's Greatest Hour

When Mr. Churchill took office he told his countrymen, in an address that few of them will ever forget, that Britain would continue the war against barbarism "if necessary for years, if necessary alone."

There were not many who shared his knowledge of the fatal facts on which that grim intimation was founded. But when the worst had happened there was but a single will throughout the nation — to support to the very last the leadership that had not flinched from warning them of impending calamity and peril and hardship.

Mr. Churchill has waited many years for his hour: it has come to him now with a fullness of honour that the greatest and most fortunate of statesmen known to history well might envy.



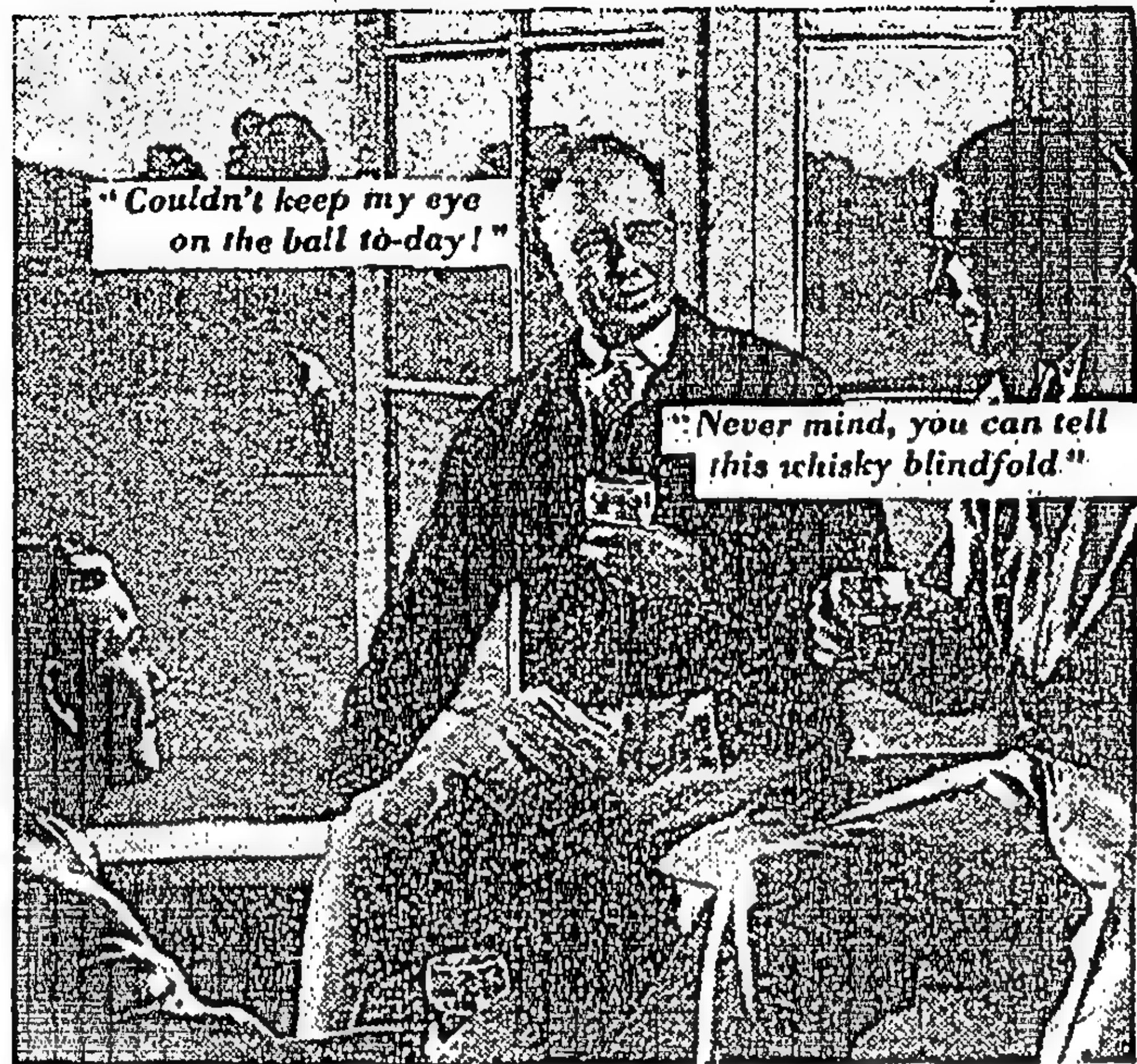
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# Precedents Premier Has Improved Upon



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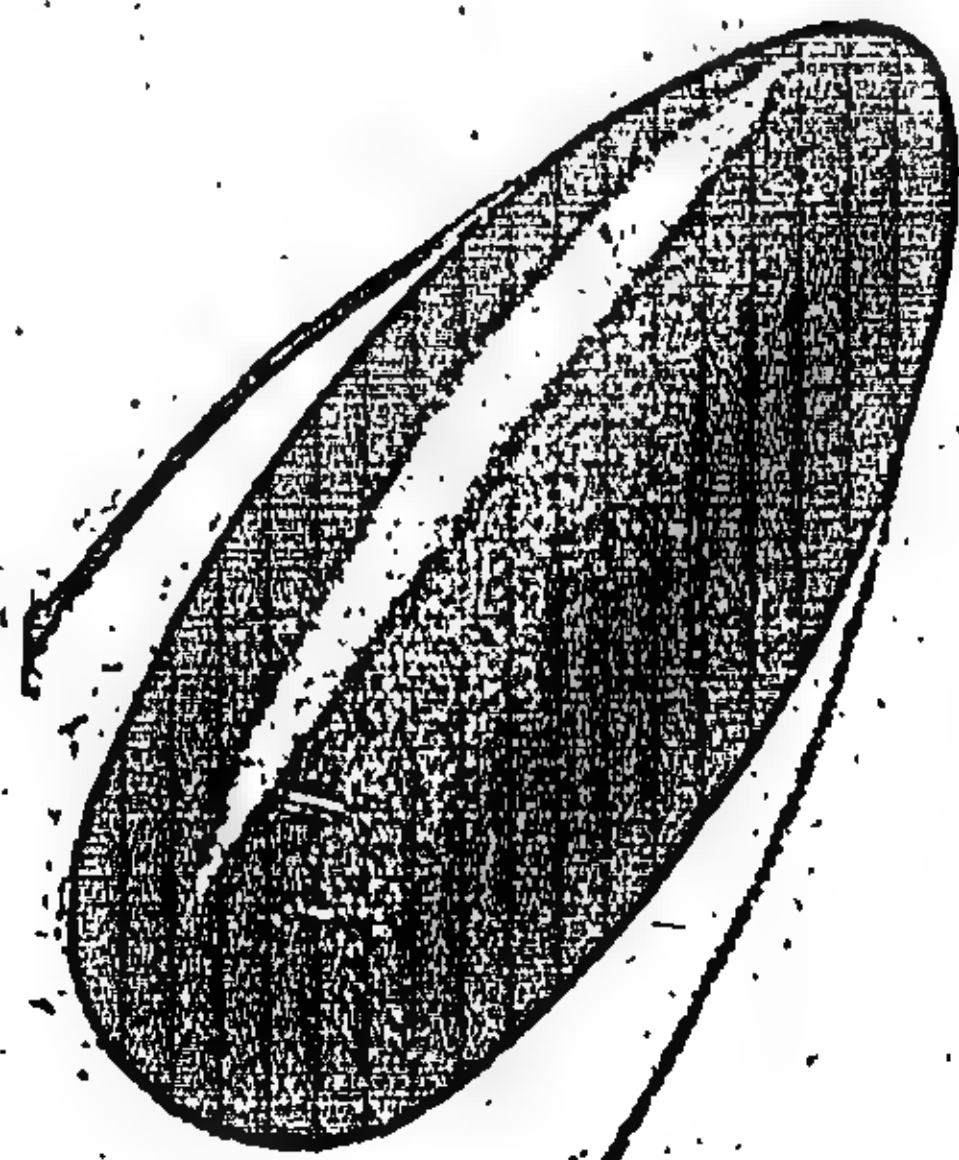
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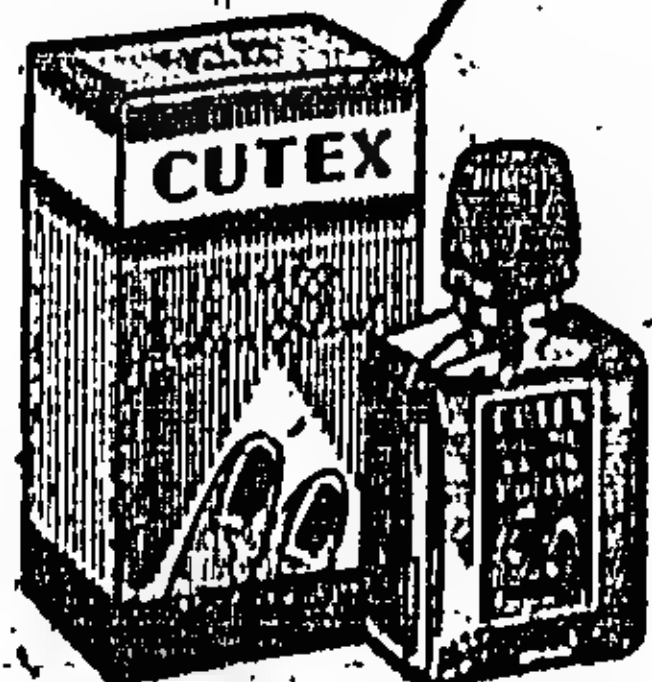
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## Greeks Bombarding Koritza: Fascists Cut Off In South

GREEK FORCES HAVE CAPTURED BIGLISHTE AND ARE BOMBARDING KORITZA, COMMANDING THE HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE FRONTIER RECEIVED IN BELGRADE, THE YUGOSLAVIAN CAPITAL, LAST NIGHT.

### ITALIAN VERSION OF OPERATIONS

Italian reports from the Greek-Albanian frontier state that Italian aircraft were actively engaged yesterday in bombing and machine-gunning Greek positions and troop concentrations, batteries and villages.

The official Italian news agency claims that "Italian troops continued to advance on all fronts."—Reuter.

## LEGATION STAFFS LEAVING

The Greek Minister to Italy, and his staff were due to leave for Greece last night, states a Rome message.

No news has been received in the Italian capital from Signor, Grazzi, the Italian Minister to Athens, for the past three days. From Athens comes news that he was expected to leave for Italy on Sunday, but he has not yet left.

It is said in some circles that the Italian Minister is not very anxious to return home because he fears the reception he is likely to get when he arrives.

It is believed that he told Mussolini that Greece would accept the Italian ultimatum without a fight.

It is reported that the Italian Government held up for 24 hours the Greek Government's instructions to its Minister in Rome.

This was done so that it would not appear that Greece was taking the initiative in breaking off diplomatic relations.

The Italian Minister in Athens, Signor Grazzi, was to have left the Greek capital last night in a special train with 190 other Italians for the Yugoslavian frontier.

They were to be accompanied by an unarmed military guard. On arrival at the frontier they were to await the arrival of a special train bringing the Greek Minister, M. Politis, from Rome.

According to the Swiss wireless Switzerland is to represent Greek interests in Italy and Hungary is

A Greek guerilla band commanded by Vardea, the famous guerilla leader, is reported to have cut the communications of the Italian army threatening Janina which is said to number 30,000 men.

GREEK TROOPS ARE UNOFFICIALLY REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN THE OFFENSIVE IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT IN THE PAST 48 HOURS, ADVANCING AT SOME POINTS INTO ALBANIA.

Meanwhile a week of fierce fighting has clearly established that the Italian High Command hopelessly under-rated the magnitude of the task which Italy set herself when she attacked Greece.

This view was underlined yesterday in Greek military quarters in Athens where it was stated, without any tendency towards over-confidence, that the "position is far better than anyone could have hoped for seven days ago."

It was feared in the first 48 hours that the Italians might succeed in breaking through the mountain passes west of Florina before the Greeks could rally, thus paving the way for a drive through much easier terrain towards the south.

### Greeks Shell Koritza

But violent Greek counter-attacks not only foiled the enemy's plans but swept their own troops forward into Albania.

Positions have been captured north of the Italian base of Koritza, which is now heavily shelled by Greek artillery. During the past 48 hours the Greeks are unofficially reported to have been on the offensive also in the southern sector, advancing into Albania at several points.

Fresh troops are arriving hourly in support.

### Centre Static

In the centre sector, where both sides have massed large forces, the situation is more static.

It was here that an Italian attack was repulsed with the loss to the enemy of nine tanks out of 20 which supported the attack.

Unofficial reports say that when the Italians attempted to rush the Greek position the Greeks, although lacking any anti-tank equipment, held their fire until the last moment.

Met by a sudden hail of lead the Italians turned and fled. Another report is that Albanian irregulars have broken up and destroyed an Italian motorised convoy.

### Superior Morale

Altogether it appears that the enemy have no heart for the

to represent Italian interests in Greece.

### Crossing Into Yugoslavia

The first party of Italian diplomats from Athens is expected to cross the frontier into Yugoslavia to-day, according to Rome reports.

A second party, with other members of the Italian colony in Athens, will follow.—Reuter.

campaign and all despatches emphasise the superior morale and great courage of the Greek soldiers.

Nevertheless an intensified effort by the Italian High Command to retrieve the situation is expected soon.

Reliable reports received in Belgrade from the Greek frontier state the Greeks are now vigorously bombarding Koritza, the Italian supply base seven miles inside the Albanian frontier.

On Sunday Greek planes bombed Koritza without meeting opposition.

It is also reported that the Greeks have captured the town of Biklichia, just inside the Albanian frontier, on the road from Koritza to Florina.

It is learned there have been frequent desertions from the Albanian troops on the Koritza front.—Reuter.

## ITALIAN NAVAL LOSS AT CORFU

THE ITALIANS LOST ANOTHER WARSHIP IN THE BATTLE NEAR CORFU, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM YUGOSLAVIA.

These reports yesterday afternoon said that the battle took place between Greek warships and Italian naval units which were attempting to enter the channel between Corfu and the Greek mainland.

The Greeks are said to have prevented this and an Italian warship was sunk after an hour's battle.

Earlier reports spoke of an Italian warship on fire and steaming northwards from the island.—Reuter.

### FALSE-MARKED PLANE BOMBS ATHENS

An Italian plane bearing Greek colours passed over Athens at 12.10 yesterday afternoon and dropped a single bomb which injured three people. The enemy machine disappeared when it sighted a British fighter.—Reuter.

### NOTHING TO REPORT

A communique issued by G.H.Q. Cairo yesterday states: "On all fronts no change in the situation."—British Wireless.



# STEADY STREAM OF GIFTS FOR AIRCRAFT

A STEADY STREAM of gifts for aircraft continues to pour in from sources both at home and overseas—from the Hebrides to Zanzibar.

Crofters of the Hebrides, which have been strikingly to the fore in regard to enlistment in the forces, also contribute regularly to the air effort.

## BRITAIN'S AID TO GREECE

Greek sources in Athens are expressing great satisfaction both at the increasing help Britain is giving to Greece and at the stand Greek troops are making all along the line.

The Greek Minister in London says he has no reason to doubt reports that the British forces in Crete include land, naval and air units.

In spite of the latest Greek successes, the High Command does not under-rate the strength of the Italians and greatly intensified enemy action is regarded as imminent. — Reuter.

## ITALY'S SECRET WEAPON

A bomb which is a combination of a hand grenade and a miniature magnetic mine and which resembles in shape and size a vacuum flask is being dropped in hundreds from Italian planes upon the Western Desert and Egypt.

The bombs are called "Mussolini's secret weapon," and they go off at the slightest touch.

The "Sunday Despatch's" correspondent in the Western Desert says that every morning the British forces find the desert littered with the booby traps. Sappers go out and mark the position of each bomb with a red flag. Later the bombs are exploded by rifle fire or by lassoing them with a long rope, the jerking of which sets them off.

"The idea," the correspondent says, "is to scatter the bombs among the camps and aerodromes along the roads, where it is hoped that they will act as traps for the unwary. The British forces were not taken in by them, even on the first day they were tried out. The bombs produce a surprisingly loud and spectacular explosion, capable of doing considerable damage to any lorry which fails to avoid the trap."

Usually the bombs roll under the camel scrub, and some become partially hidden in the loose sand.

## H.K. BILL OF HEALTH

One case of cholera, from Victoria, 50 cases (two imported) of tuberculosis, six of dysentery, four of typhoid and three of meningitis were notified yesterday.

During the week ended on Saturday, 13 cases (four imported) of cholera with 10 deaths; 100 cases (one imported) of tuberculosis with 140 deaths; 45 of dysentery with 10 deaths; 21 of typhoid with six deaths; six of diptheria with two deaths; five of meningitis with four deaths; two of measles with one death and one case of chicken-pox were notified.

Lam Chi-tai, of No. 88, Robinson Road, has reported that at about 4.30 a.m. yesterday, money and clothing, valued at \$121, were stolen from his residence.

The Lewis and Harris Spitfire Fund now sends a further contribution of nearly £200.

Salford and Weston-super-Mare each send £5,000 for Spitfires while Wimborne's Spitfire Fund nears its 100,000 shillings goal with a contribution of £1,766.13.7.

Subscriptions to the Zanzibar Fighter Fund now exceed £5,000 and the British Resident has asked that this sum be now paid over for the purchase of fighter aircraft to be added to those already purchased from the Protectorate's previous contributions of £20,000.

The Unfederated Malay State of Trengganu has sent a second instalment of £1,000 from the Spitfire Fund.

### Warm Thanks

Lord Lloyd, on behalf of the Government, has warmly thanked the people of Barbados for the prompt and generous manner in which they have come forward to help the people of Britain who are suffering from recent air raids. The trustees of the Barbados War Fund have remitted a further instalment of £3,000 to be placed unreservedly at the disposal of the Government.

The sum of £1,750 has been received from Ndola (Northern Rhodesia copper mine) Win the War Fund for general purposes of the war.

The Governor of Cyprus has accepted an offer of the Cyprus Mines Corporation to place £10,000 at the disposal of the Government of Cyprus in the event of some pressing need arising which demands expenditure for which no provisions may have been made.—British Wireless.

### DAYLIGHT RAIDS

During R.A.F. daylight bombing operations on Sunday, Flushing and the aerodrome at Soesterburg were attacked. Two of our aircraft are missing. — British Wireless.

Eight bags of wax, valued at \$200, were stolen from a godown at No. 462, Des Voeux Road West, during the week-end.

## SON OF PROMINENT NAZI CAPTURED

The Vicar of Mapledurham, the Rev. E. L. Macassey, reveals in his parish magazine that the son of one of Hitler's most eminent air advisers is a prisoner in Britain.

He adds: "The young man, when captured, ripped off a special Nazi decoration, and said, 'I do not want this ever again.'"

## THEFT OF ARMY MEDICINE

Tam Kai-yuk, 25, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C. this morning, for stealing medicine from the Army Medical Stores at No. 34, Stubbs Road yesterday.

A quantity of coramine and menthol crystals was found in his possession when he was leaving the store room.

He told the Court that he picked it up while sweeping the floor.

## THIEVES IN HOME OF BARRISTER

Mr. Eldon Potter, the well-known barrister-at-law, has reported that on Sunday a silver table clock, valued at \$50, was stolen from his residence at Kam Tin.

Wong Kong-sum, of No. 2, Breezy Terrace, has reported that a thief entered his residence on Sunday and stole jewellery to the value of \$243.

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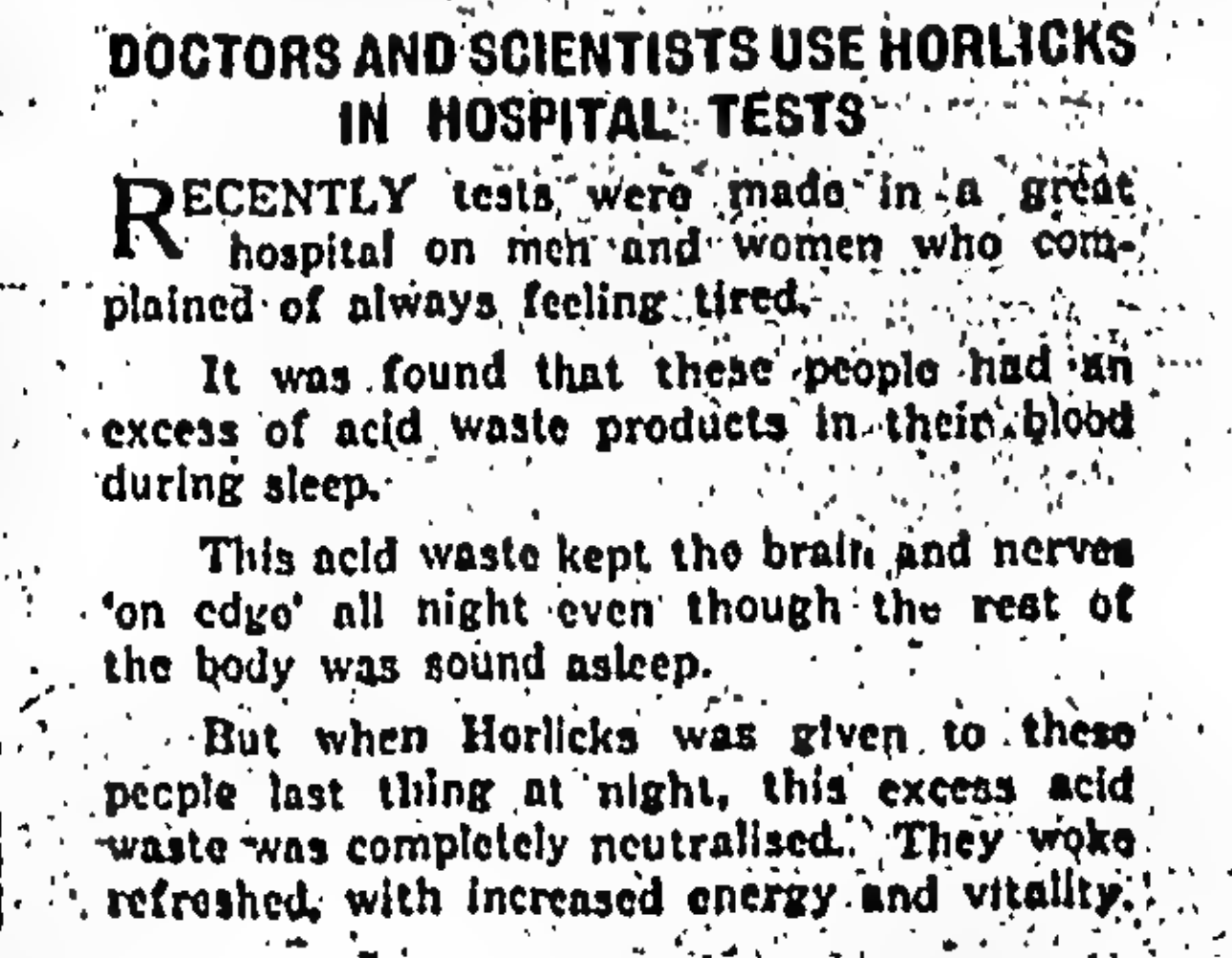
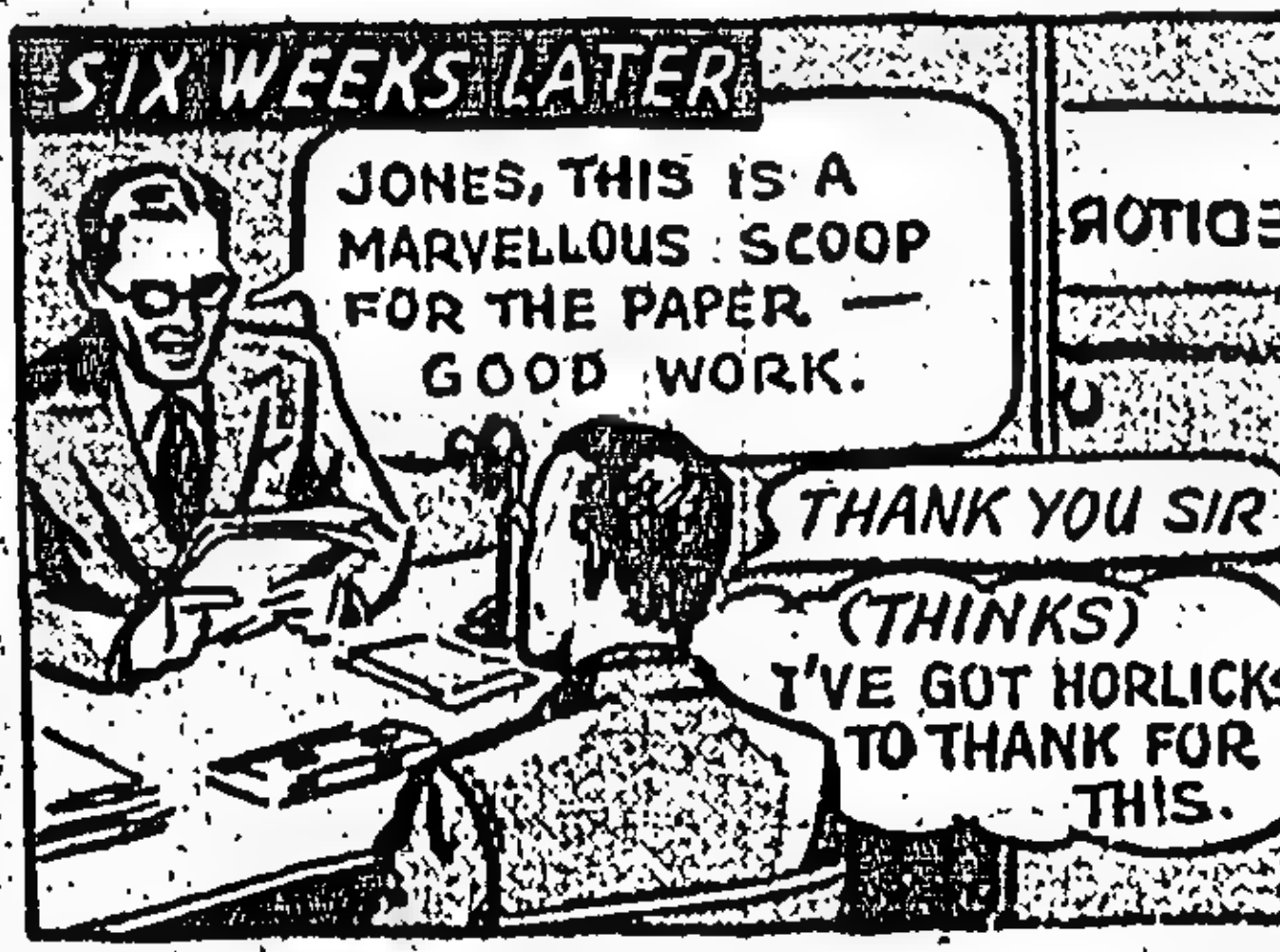
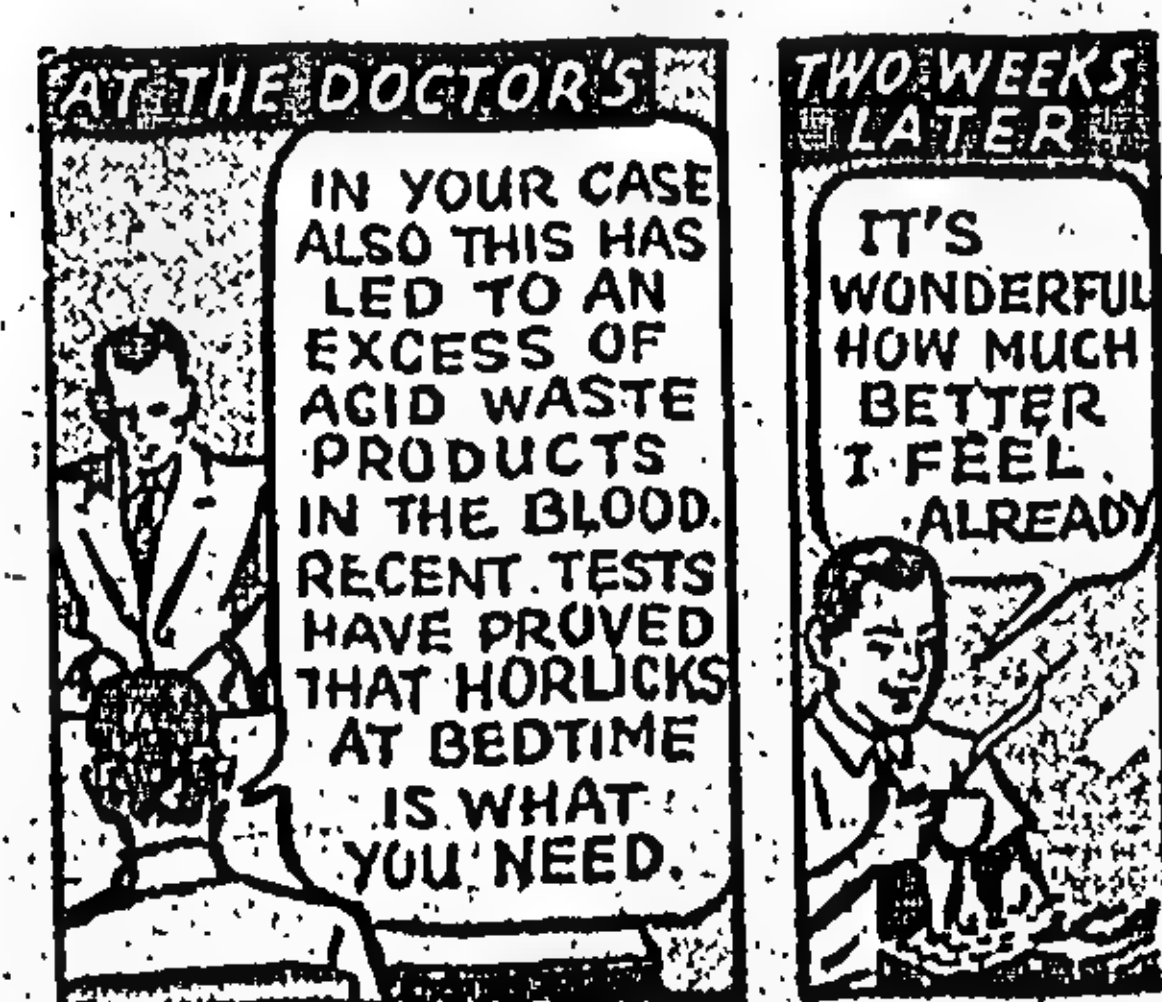
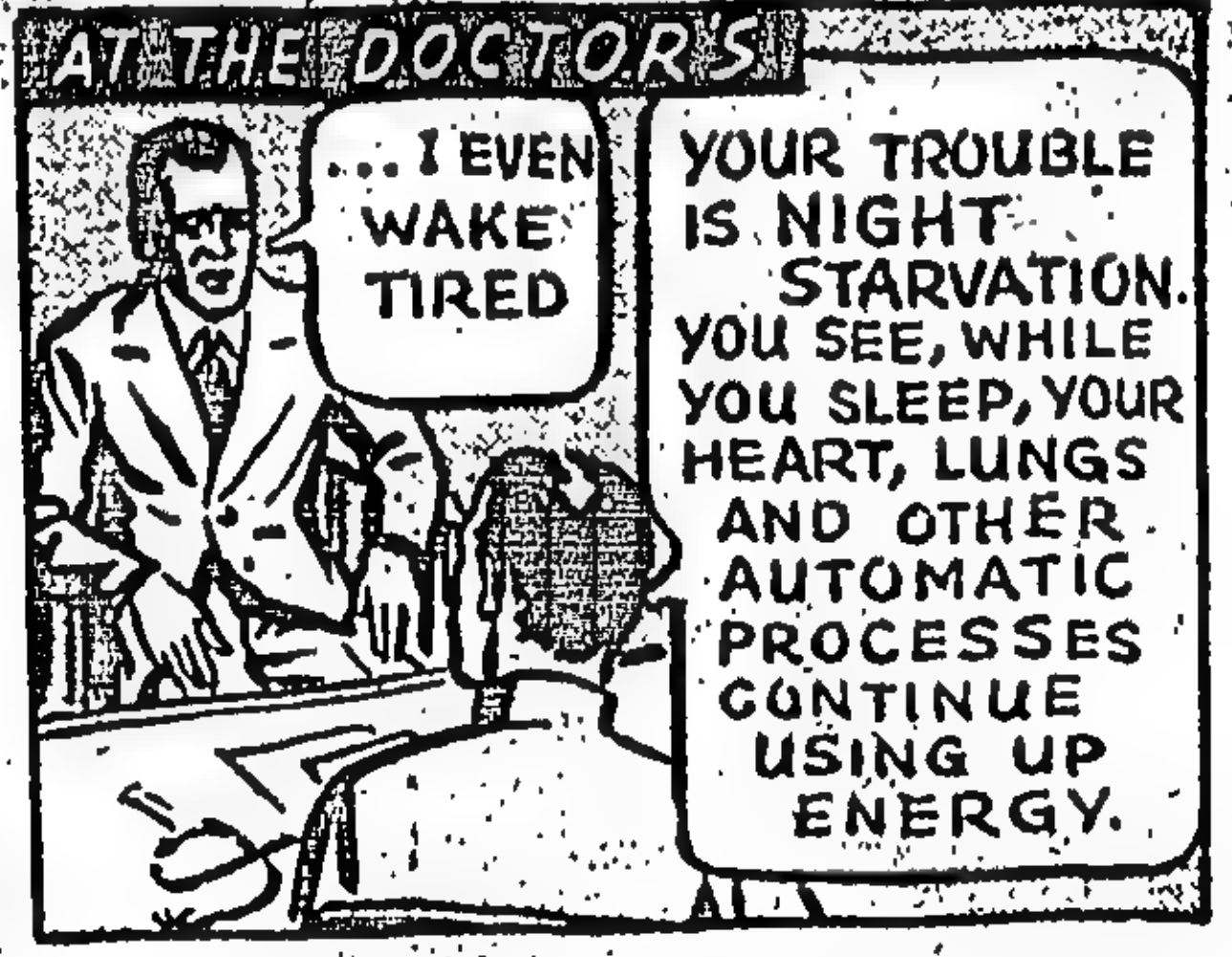
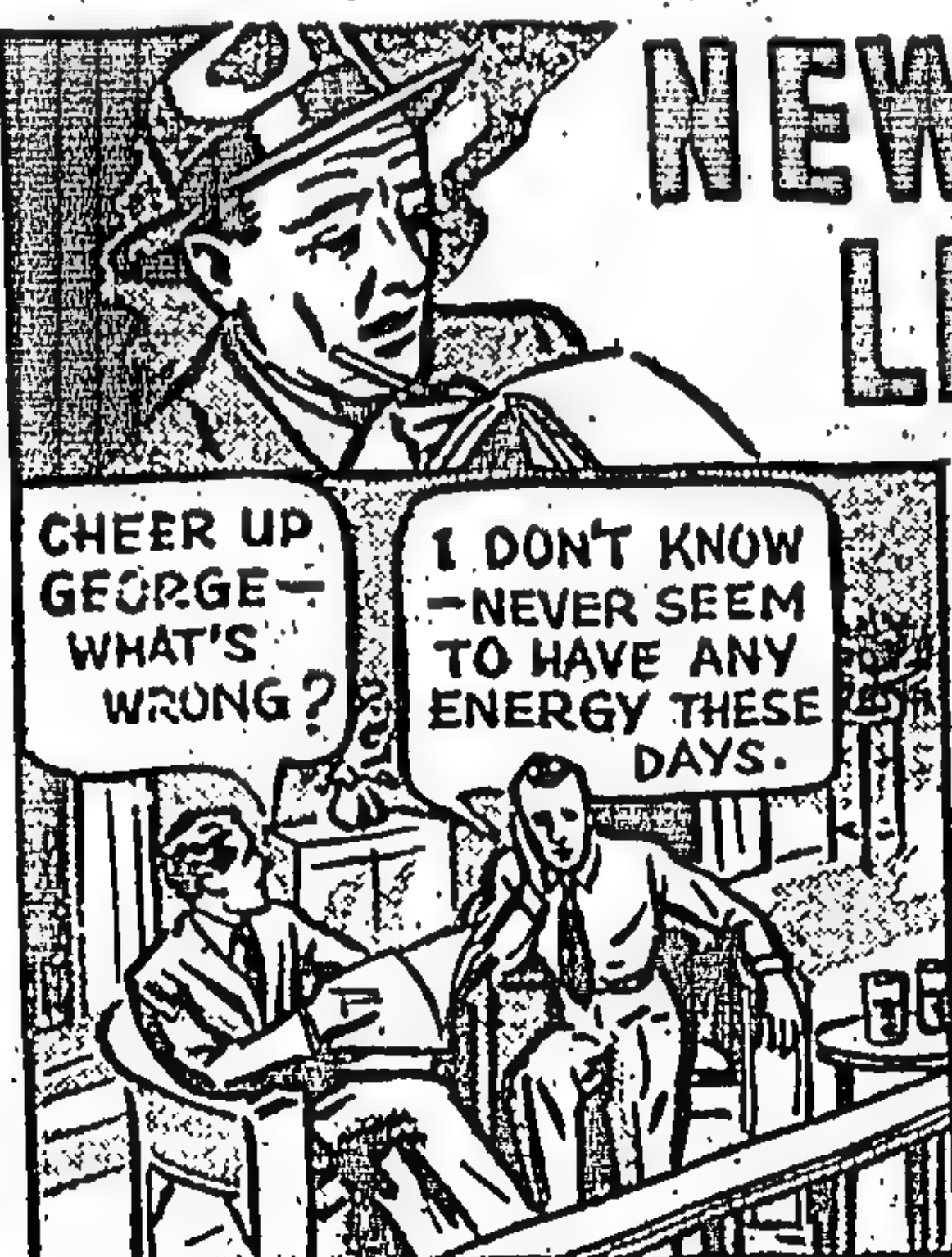
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### THE ONLY HOPE

#### By The Four Aces

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♠ A K  
♥ 9 8 3  
♦ 10 9 2  
♣ A Q J 10 7  
 ♠ 7 5  
♥ A 10 2  
♦ A K Q 6  
♣ 4 3  
 ♠ 8 3  
♥ A Q J 10 4  
♦ K Q J 6 5  
♣ J 7  
♠ K 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of diamonds, East signalling for a continuation with the diamond eight. West then took the diamond Queen and stopped to "count noses." He had already won two tricks and was sure of the trump Ace for the third defensive trick. But was the setting trick to be won?

There was the chance, of course, that East had the club King, but in that case the contract would be defeated regardless of West's next play. What could West do to defeat the contract even if South had the club King? The only chance was to win two trump tricks with the Ace and ten. That could be done if East had a trump honour — or if East could force out one of South's honours on the play of a side suit. With this analysis, West led a low diamond. Duminy played the ten, and East, realising his partner's intention, ruffed with the seven of trumps. South had to use the trump Jack to win the trick, and West therefore won two trump tricks to defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 7 4 2  
♥ A 3  
♦ A K 6 5 4  
♣ 7

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	(?)

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Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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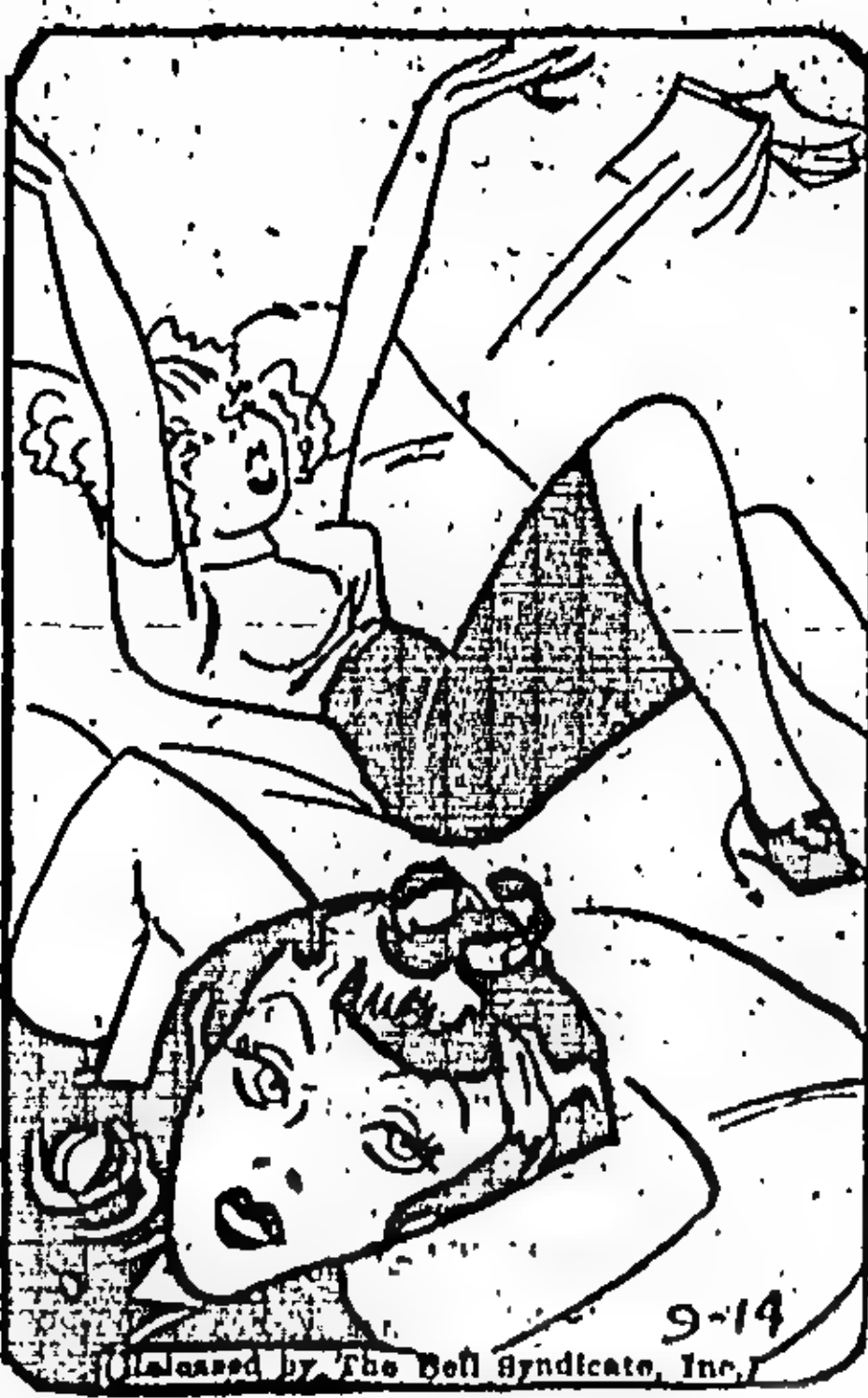
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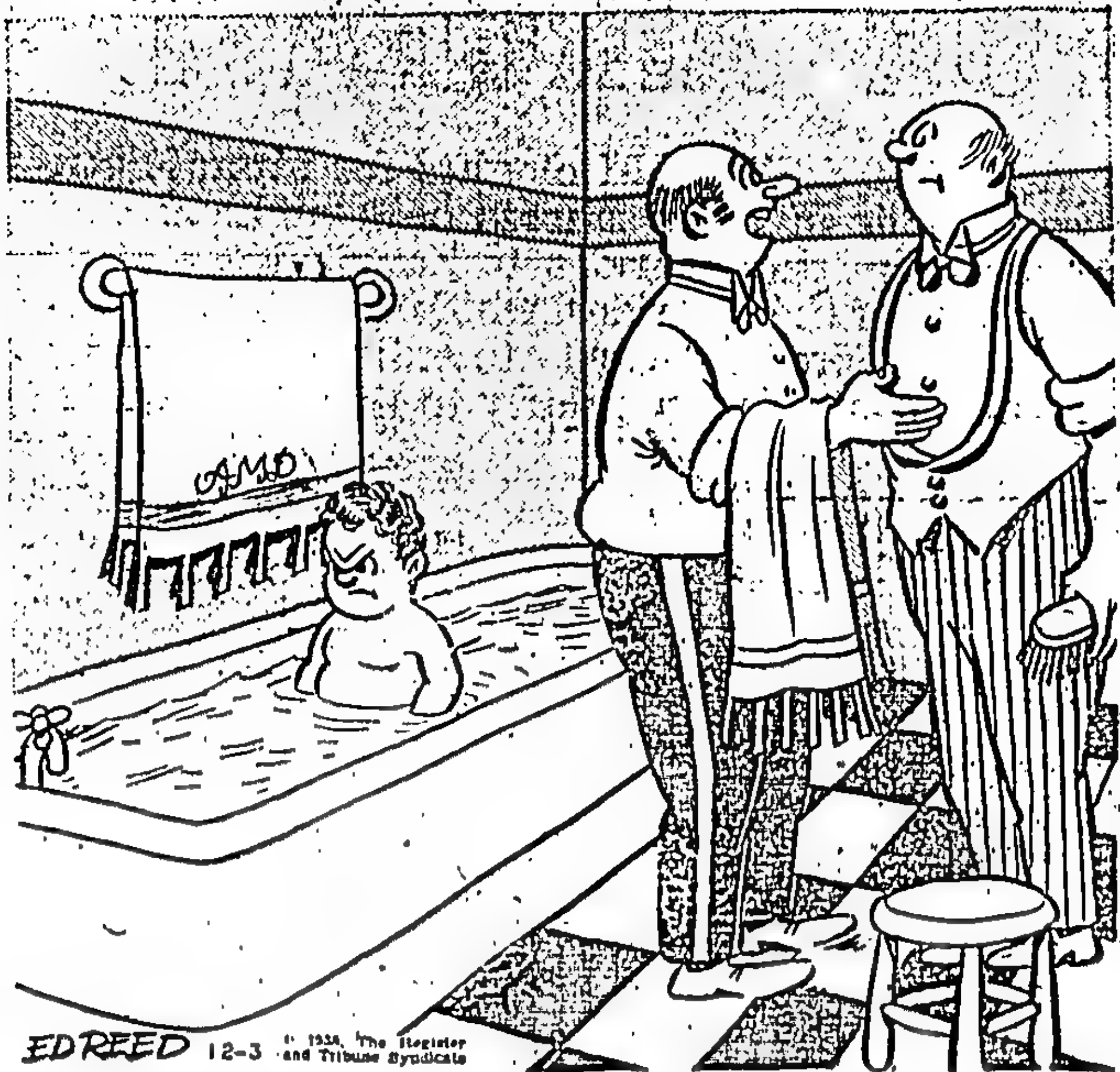
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Mr. Jeffrey's car crashed into some railings.

His son, Edwin Harrison Jeffrey, was riding with a younger brother in a cart when the horse bolted. The horse and cart fell down an embankment and the body died from a fractured skull.

### OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



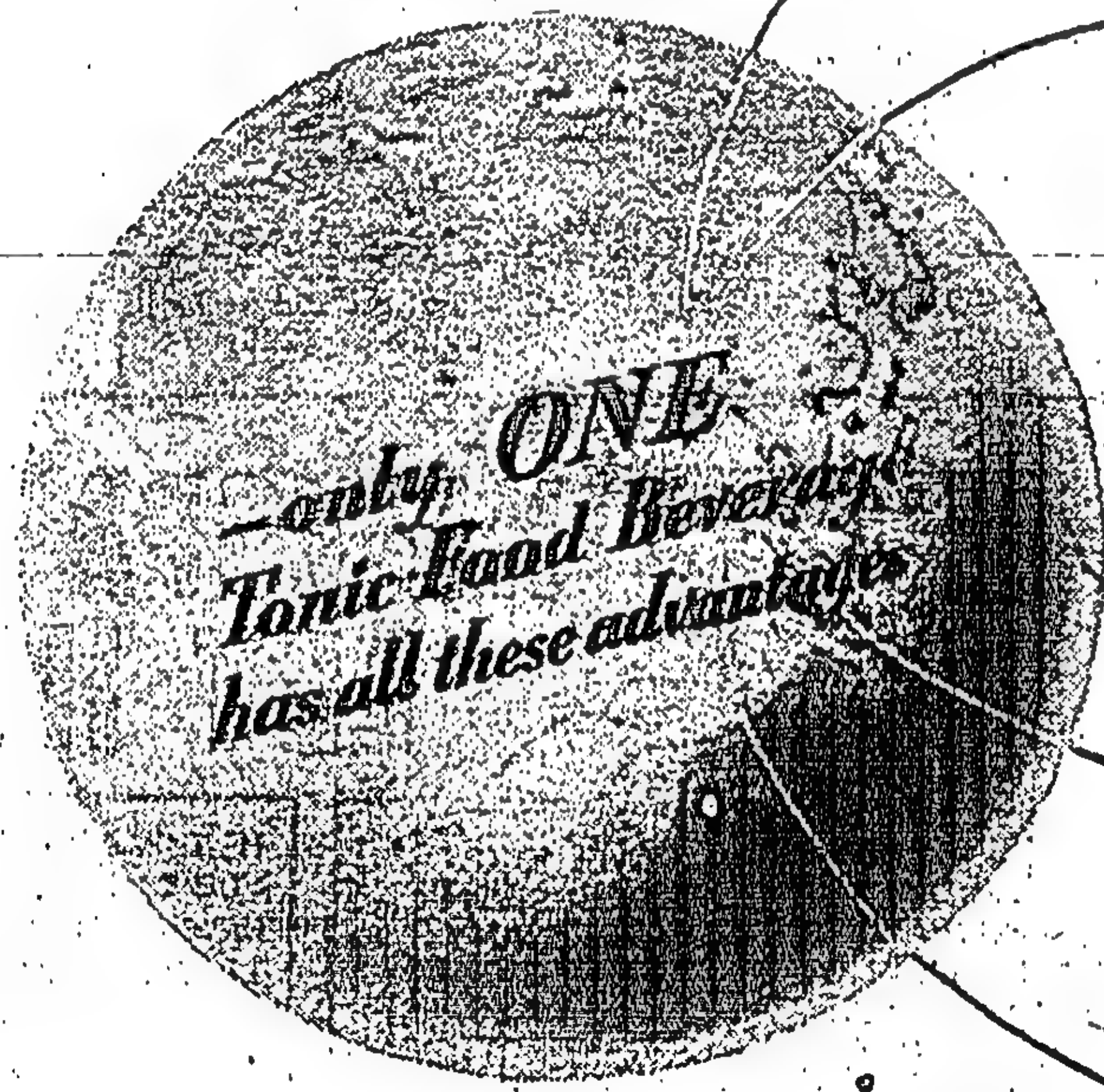
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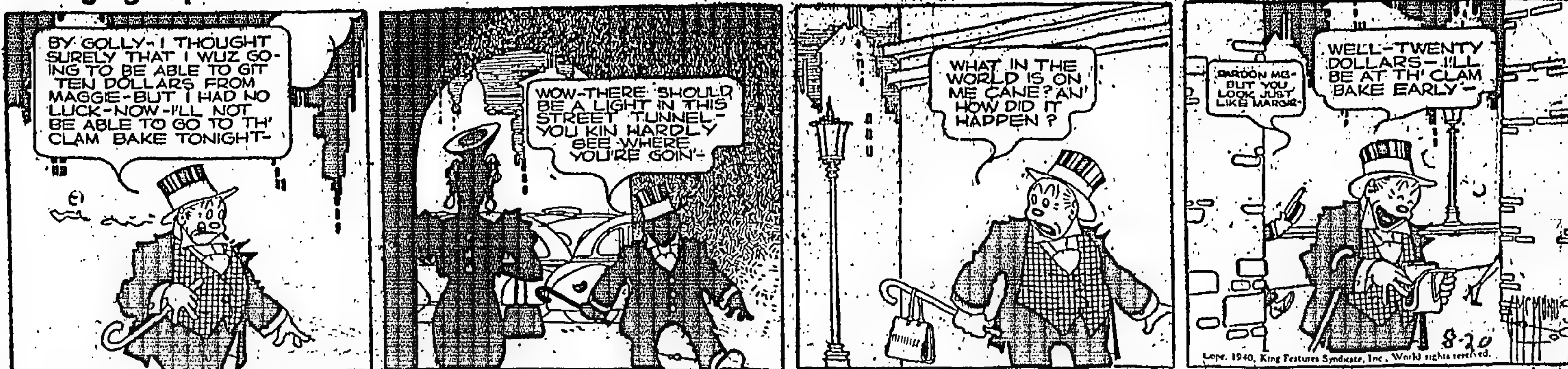
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# New York As Fashion Centre Will It Replace Paris?

Elsa Schiaparelli arrived in New York the other day on the Clipper from Lisbon and announced that she had come to buy some clothes! The item was a fine bit for the American newspapers — one of the leading couture experts of Paris come to the United States to buy clothes!

Perhaps only a joke; perhaps, actually, Mme. Schiaparelli went only in connection with a lecture tour on "Clothes and the Woman."

But the item has precipitated a very interesting discussion. Considering all that has happened to France, to Paris, since last June, does Mme. Schiaparelli's visit pre-empt the ascendancy of New York as the fashion centre of the world, to replace the city on the Seine which has held that distinction in our era? The answer may be no; the present writer, after a careful study of the situation, thinks it is no, but it is not an answer that could not come very close to a yes, for so much is involved in the problem.

Mme. Schiaparelli was asked the question. Her answer is significant. She said:

"I see no reason why America cannot build a couture of its own. I know there's designing talent here, and, if it is given encouragement, it will develop more and more."

As if the American fashion industry got all the inferences in that observation, some of the leading manufacturers at once began to make her offers to keep her in America. Four of the best known producers of women's dresses are known to have expressed a willingness to pay her 5,000 dollars a year for the use of her name on labels, and at least one of them offered her 500 dollars apiece for original designs. As one commentator put it, "You could almost hear them sigh, 'Ah, thank heaven! Schiaparelli will pull us out of this hole!'"

Mme. Schiaparelli, however, refused the offers and announced she was returning to Paris in December.

## If Hitler Controls Paris, Paris Won't Control Fashions

American writers on fashion subjects have tried to make the point that, "as long as Hitler controls Paris, Paris won't control fashions." It is, of course, too early to predict what the exact effect the defeat of France will have on the freedom of Paris to conduct what was in times of peace France's second largest industry.

The earliest intimations of Germany's long-range policy toward France were to the effect that she would be deprived of her Empire, and her position as a leading power on the Continent ended, but that her production in certain fields of fine manufacture where she has always led would be encouraged. On the other hand, the



Knitted sleeves in this green tweed suit. Cleverly gored skirt and matching tweed bag add a "tonic effect."

sudden flooding of the American market with pictures from Berlin of German designers' couture seems to indicate that perhaps the German capital may be aiming to succeed Paris as the centre of world fashions — although, if American fashion writers' reactions of these pictures are any test of the world's woman's reaction, the Nazis are setting themselves a hopeless task.

Presuming that Paris, under German compulsion, or by reason of the consequences of the displacement of her economy as a result of the war, is no longer able to maintain herself as the world's fashion centre, will New York, as a consequence, therefore, be able to take her place? What about London, which in recent years has made enormous strides in attracting the best-dressed women of the world? There are a number of reasons why New York might conceivably succeed to the place of Paris and a number of reasons why she is not likely to achieve the distinction. An examination of these covers the entire range of the question of fashion in women's clothes.

The principal reason why France has led the world in the designing of women's clothes is that, in the words of an observer, she had an "intuitive understanding" of the direction in which the feminine mind was moving with respect to clothes matters.

Proof of this isn't hard to find.

When Patou, for instance, raised the waistline back to its natural position; when Vionnet employed the bias cuts to reveal the curves of the body; when Schiaparelli manipulated the shoulder line to give new contour to the silhouette, they initiated trends which were based infallibly on an understanding of women's preferences.

But, then, Paris has frequently been wrong, to her own great cost and the cost of all those in the business of couture the world over who followed her lead—as witness two seasons ago, when French designers believed that the toe-tip length in the dance dress was definitely going out and that the ankle-length dress would be welcomed by women everywhere. The results were a dismal failure.

American commentators declare that this intuitive understanding of the direction in which feminine taste is moving isn't exclusively French, nor is it intuitive. They stress that the life about them is the source of inspiration of French designers and American alike. They point to the fact that a house like Sally Milgrim of New York won fame forty years ago for its genius in fitting the sleeve entering the shoulder in a suit; or that Tom Briggance of Lord & Taylor introduced the new side-saddle fullness in play clothes, displaying an uncanny sense of what the women of America and the rest of the world want to wear; or that Clare Potter's sports clothes have been the envy even of the Paris designers.

## The Influence Of Hollywood

A source of fashion inspiration unique in the world, is Hollywood, where, without having to think of costs, and certain of wide publicity through the movies, designers work practically untrammelled, making the striving for an ideal a practical possibility.

A fashion leadership, a group of noted women who will sponsor and wear certain styles, in the same manner that the leading French couturiers had their coteries of smart customers who wore their best or newest things in advance, thus setting style standards. Women like Mrs. Harrison Williams, often found on lists of the world's ten best-dressed women; Mrs. Vincent Astor, wife of the noted capitalist; Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett, the wife of the singer; Miss Barbara Hutton; Miss Ina Claire, the actress; Mrs. Bernard Gimbel, wife of the distinguished merchant, and others have been gradually assuming the role of arbiters in feminine fashion.

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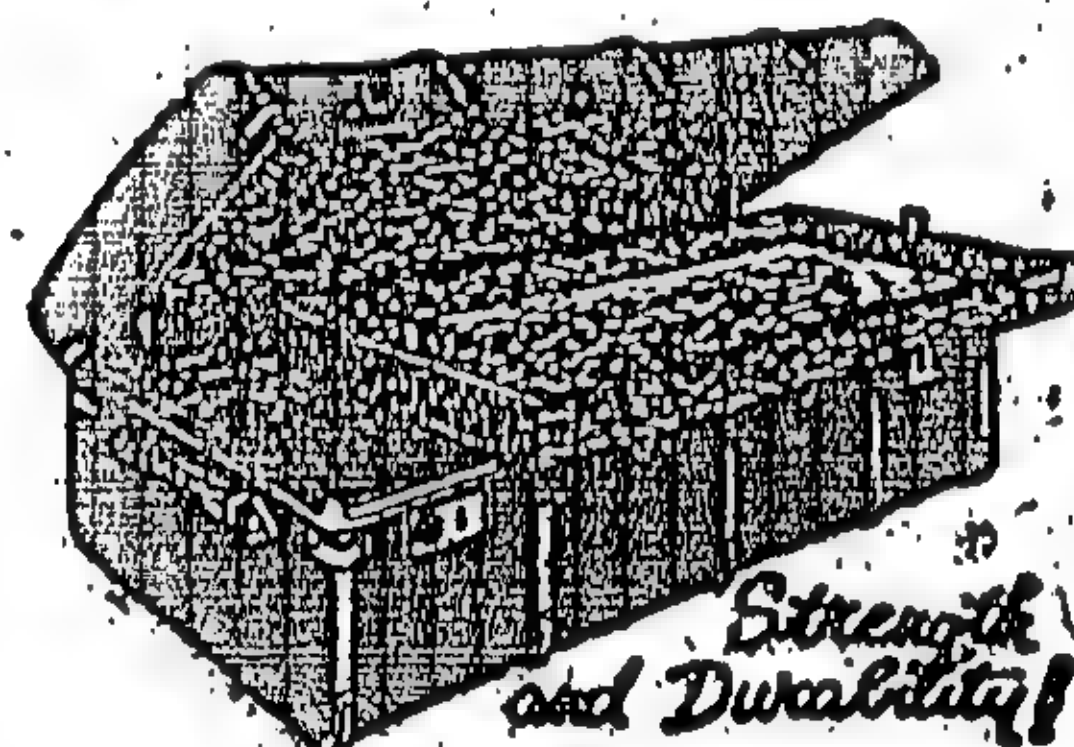
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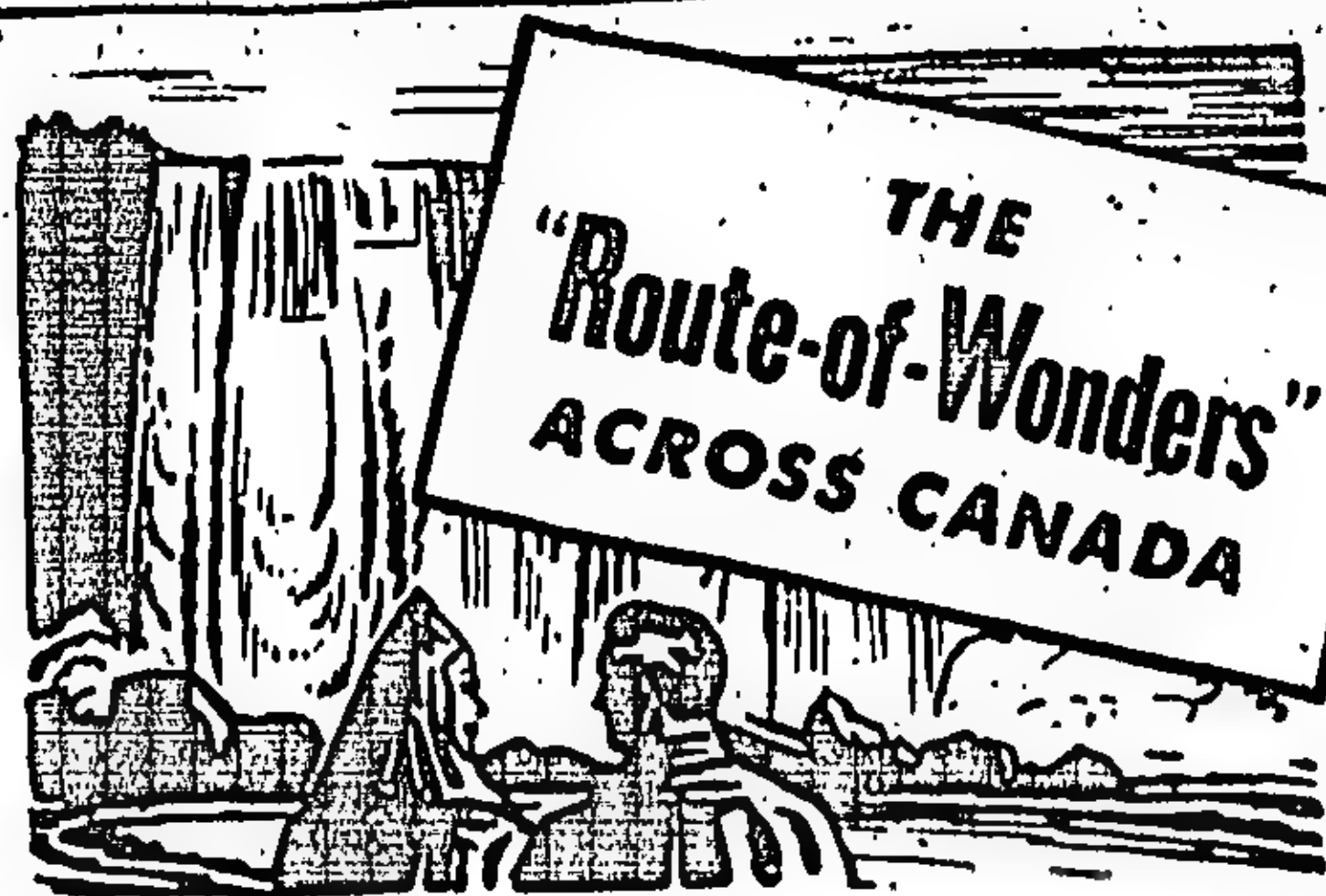
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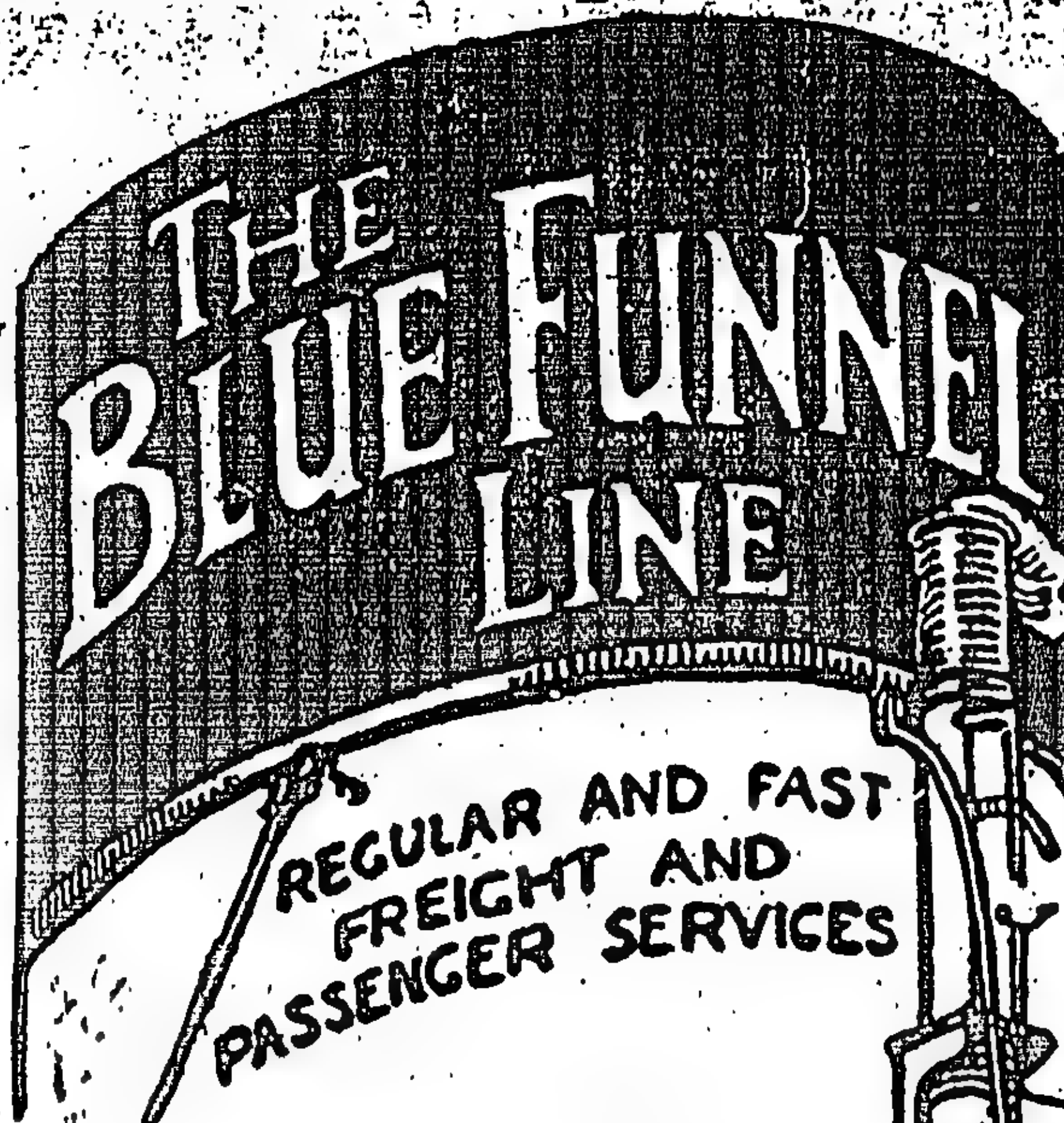
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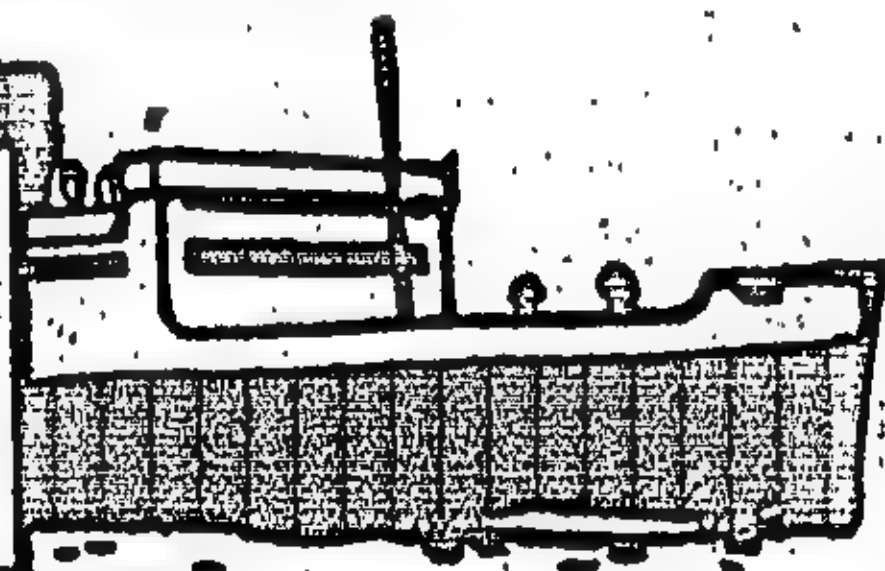
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## MISS GREAVES TO LEAD SIDE AGAINST D. G. S.

By "Sportshawk"

Although the evacuation has caused the suspension of Ladies' League hockey this season, the various Clubs have been making strenuous efforts to raise teams, and a number of friendly matches were played both on the mainland and island last Saturday.

It is now learned that Hong Kong University are doing their best to raise a team for friendly matches.

The team will be captained by Miss B. Greaves, Colony Inter-Port reserve and will be composed of a number of players who figured prominently for Diocesan Girls' School during the two past seasons, while they also will have several newcomers who have shown promising form in recent practice games.

University, who have not yet been seen in action against any Ladies' clubs, are playing their first friendly game, Pokfulam to-morrow, commencing at 4.30 p.m., against D.G.S.

### Interporter As Pivot

Miss B. Greaves will occupy the pivotal position, with Miss E. Hunt, formerly of C.B.A. juniors,

### To-morrow's Small Units Game

Signals will meet Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 3 p.m. in the Army Small Units Hockey League.

and Miss P. Lang, who played left-half for D.G.S. last season, as wing-halves. All these three players have played in the League during the past two seasons.

Miss C. Kotewall, former D.G.S. player, will lead the attack, with her former school-mates, Miss K. Winyard and Miss M. Chow, as her inside colleagues, while Miss H. Curreen, the sprinter, will be on the right-wing and Miss A. Lim, also formerly of D.G.S., will be on the left-wing.

In the defence are three newcomers to hockey. They are Miss H. Salmon, who will be playing between the sticks, and Miss P. Ablong and Miss E. Greankau as the backs.

### CLUB "A" RUGBY XV

Club "A" fifteen to meet Army "A" on the Club ground to-morrow at 5 p.m. sharp is as follows: D. L. Pecorini; P. B. Wilson, J. Rogers, F. M. Thompson and H. van Leeuwen; T. O. Morgan and F. J. D. Clemo; R. E. Heaseman, I. Macrae, J. Moodie; C. F. Needham, S. Lee; G. B. Godfrey, A. G. Dalziel and G. G. Davies. Referee—Eric Matthews.

## TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

The Third Division football game between Royal Air Force and 36th Battery, Royal Artillery, which was to have been played on Sunday, will be played to-day at Chatham Road at 2.45 p.m.

## ARMY SOCCER FIXTURES

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**THURSDAY**  
20th Coy. Engineers v "A" Coy. Royal Scots.

(Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)  
"A" Coy. Middlesex v "D" Coy. Royal Scots.  
(Chatham Road, 3 p.m.)

## ROWING REGATTA NEXT WEEK

The Annual Army Rowing regatta will be held at Stonecutters on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12 and 13.

Among the teams competing are Service Corps, Middlesex, Engineers, 5th A.A., R.A., 8th Battery R.A. and 12th Battery R.A.

## U.S.R.C. TOTAL 100 SHOTS AGAINST CLUB

Two weeks ago, United Service Recreation Club entertained a bowls team from Hong Kong Cricket Club and cricketers won comfortably. Last Saturday, by arrangement, Hong Kong Cricket Club entertained the U.S.R.C. on the latter's ground.

The U.S.R.C. team was stronger on this occasion and turned the tables on their opponents, winning by 100 shots to 33.

Following was the U.S.R.C. team:

Capt. Guscott, J. Smith, J. Newton and J. T. Smalley (skip). Lt. Col. Moffatt, J. A. Fraser, P. B. Parkes and H. H. Williams (skip). R. W. Rowell, Lt. Col. Matthews, Lt. Col. Levett and B. D. Evans (skip).

## ONE BALL, BUT OUT TWICE!

Canon F. H. Gillingham, now chaplain to the Lord Mayor of London, once had the unique experience of "bagging a brace" at Lord's, though only one ball was bowled to him.

He missed it and was i.b.w. in the first innings he was run out for a balloon before he'd taken guard! "Gillie" played for the Gentlemen at Lord's in the game when "Ranji" refused to be photographed with the team for reasons best forgotten.

# THE ONE-KICK INTERNATIONAL

WHEN THE FOOTBALLER TALKS OF CARTILAGES, JIM BARRETT, LAUNCHING HIS 18TH SEASON WITH WEST HAM, CAN TELL THE BEST STORY, AND CAN CALL ME AS A WITNESS FOR I SAW IT HAPPEN, WRITES L. V. MANNING.

Barrett's only kick at the ball in his one international match (England v. Ireland at Liverpool in 1928) was a terrific right-foot shot from 40 yards, which swerved just over the bar. Then he collapsed and was carried off.

This happened in the eighth minute of the game. Back in the dressing-room they found it was the left knee cartilage that had gone!

So big Jim holds one record which will stand for ever—an England career of eight minutes with one kick in it.

### Pride Of Laboratory

Down at Boleyn, Professor Paynter keeps all his best cartilages in labelled bottles.

Exhibit A was for as long as you can keep a pickled cartilage, Jim Barrett's England classic.

Now pride of the laboratory is an authentic Bicknell. Charles, who captained the winning final team last season, was only operated on recently by Mr. Frupp, but is already walking about and won't be missing so much of the new season's football.

Soon they will have them out in the first half and playing in the second.

There was once a Plymouth Argyle player, who improved so much with every cartilage operation, he asked Bob Jack's permission to have the lot out.

## CHINESE TRAINER'S NARROW ESCAPE

Bo Yee, a Chinese trainer, escaped serious injury this morning when taking out a 1941 Australian Subscription pony No. J.C.K. 49, belonging to Mr. S. K. for its morning exercise.

The pony suddenly bolted on nearing the six furlongs post, headed for the rails, and when it appeared that both rider and pony would suffer injury in attempting to jump the rails, the pony suddenly slipped, bringing down the rider head on towards the rails. He was, however, none the worse for his experience beyond receiving a few scratches in the face. The pony in the meantime bolted round the track and was later caught and remounted by the trainer to finish its exercise.

## GOLF STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Following is the draw and starting times for the Jasper Clark Cup and the qualifying rounds for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Championship:

Old Course	New Course
9.20 a.m. A. W. Borune & I. H. Goffe 12.40 p.m.	
9.23 .. K. S. Robertson & J. L. C. Pearce 12.43 ..	
9.30 .. I. P. Tamworth & R. G. Parker 12.50 ..	
9.33 .. Brig. MacLeod & J. Linaker 12.53 ..	
9.40 .. F. D. Hunter & T. A. Pearce 1.00 ..	
9.45 .. A. D. Humphreys & F. A. Redmond 1.03 ..	
9.50 .. G. C. Worrall & S. Lloyd 1.10 ..	
9.55 .. K. B. Morrison & J. A. D. Morrison 1.15 ..	
10.00 .. R. K. Collings & S. Tomlinson 1.20 ..	
New Course	Old Course
9.20 a.m. W. Hewitt & J. Groves 12.40 p.m.	
9.25 .. A. K. Mackenzie & R. Young 12.43 ..	
9.30 .. Col. Ross & E. J. R. Mitchell 12.50 ..	
9.33 .. A. McKelvie & R. Andrews 12.53 ..	
9.40 .. D. Humphreys & A. J. Dennis 1.00 ..	
9.45 .. N. L. Smith & I. Newton 1.03 ..	
9.50 .. W. W. C. Shaw & D. S. Edwards 1.10 ..	
9.55 .. A. M. Kennedy & G. G. Alphenhead 1.15 ..	
10.00 .. A. E. Lissaman & D. S. Robb 1.20 ..	

## STUBBS SHIELD DRAW

Following is the draw, in order, for the Stubbs Shield of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:

**FIRST ROUND:**  
H.K. and Shanghai Bank (A. M. Kennedy (11) and G. G. Aitkenhead (7)) v. C.S.O. (N. L. Smith (11) and T. Megarry (9)).

Headquarters China Command (Brig. MacLeod (8) and Brig. Thomson (16)) v. R.A.O.C. (Col. MacPherson (15) and Capt. Bridge (9)).

Education Department (T. J. Price (11) and G. W. Reeve (17)) v. Army Dental Corps (Col. Smith (13) and Capt. Fraser (18)).

5th A.A. Regiment (J. D. Clague and T. A. Pearce (3)) v. Asiatic Petroleum Company (R. Young (7) and G. M. Park (7)).

Dairy Farm (G. Milne (13) and J. D. Thomson (13)) v. H.K.V.D.C. (Col. Rose (9) and Lieut.-Col. Mitchell (7)).

John D. Hutchinson (T. E. Pearce (13) and P. S. Cassidy (17)) v. Leigh and Orange (J. E. Potter (24) and R. G. Parker (10)).

**SECOND ROUND:**  
Gilman's (A. Mabb (18) and L. Goldman (8)) v. H.K.S.R.A. (Major Pendfold (19) and L. J. A. Fielden (10)).

12th Heavy Regiment (Capt. Forrester (scr.) and Capt. Roberts (15)) v. Army Audit Staff (R. Parker (7) and C. S. Clarke (24)).

P.W.D. (D. S. Edward (4) and C. W. E. Bishop (13)) v. Winner of H.K. Bank v. C.S.O.

Corps of A.R.P. Wardens (Col. Matthews (16) and M. A. Annett (18)) v. Winner of John D. Hutchinson v. Leigh and Orange.

Post Office Department (R. P. Morris (22) and H. A. Mills (20)) v. Butterfield and Swire (F. A. M. Elliott (20) and J. C. C. Matthews (16)).

Dodwell's (A. J. Dennis (10) and D. Humphreys (9)) v. Government Medical Department (Dr. A. G. Greaves (16) and Dr. S. Tomlinson (7)).

H. Q. China Command or R.A.O.C. v. Education Department or Army Dental Corps.

5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery or Asiatic Petroleum Company v. Dairy Farm and Company or Volunteers.

First pair in each bracket are challengers and are responsible for arranging dates.

First Round to be played on or before Saturday, November 20.

Second Round to be played on or before Saturday, January 4, 1941.

**G. M. Young Cup**  
Following is the draw in order for the G. M. Young Cup:

Bye—Gibb Livingston & Co. (C. Austin).

**FIRST ROUND:**  
Butterfield & Swire (F. D. Hunter) v. Dodwell & Co. (A. C. I. Bowker).

S.V.O.C. (I. H. Geare) v. H.K. & Shanghai Bank (H. F. Phillips).

Chartered Bank (G. A. Leiper) v. A.P.C. (G. C. Worrall).

The manager of each team is shown in brackets. First pair in each bracket are challengers and are responsible for arranging dates. To be played under handicap, as on date of playing.

Teams (4-a-side) may be changed from day to day. 18 holes Match Play singles and fourballs. Each single match 1 point, each fourball match 2 points and each match to be played out over 18 holes. 24 difference in singles, 1/3 (b/sques) in fourballs. Singles will be played on the New Course and afternoon pairs should be bracketed together. Fourballs will be played on the Old Course. In the event of the points for matches being equal the result will be decided by the number of holes between the teams.

First Round to be played on or before December 8. Semi-final to be played on or before January 12. Final Round to be played on or before February 2.

## CAPTAIN'S CUP QUALIFIERS

The following are the results of the qualifying rounds of the Captain's Cup (November) competition of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

Old Course—S. L. Lloyd, 84—13=71. There were 24 entries.

New Course—T. Megarry, 77—11=66. There were 10 entries.

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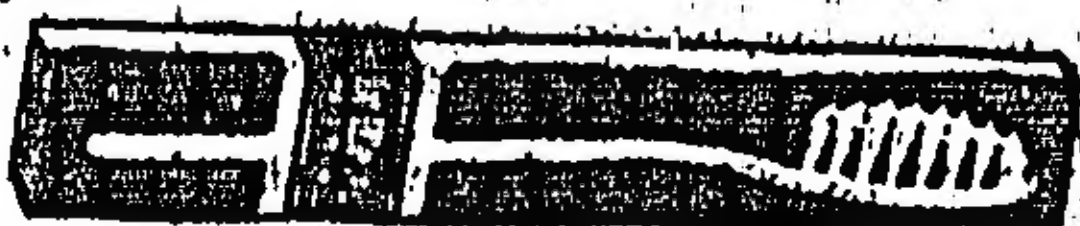
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# INCREASE IN PRICE OF BEST TICKETS FOR POPPY DAY MATCH

## Extra Precautions Being Taken By The Association

By "Referee"

At a meeting of the Grounds Committee of Hong Kong Football Association last night it was decided to increase the price of admission to the centre portions of the Covered Stand to \$2.00 for the annual Poppy Day Charity football game.

A portion of the centre stand will still be reserved for members of Hong Kong Football Club till 15 minutes before the start of the game, but club members must obtain their tickets from the Hon. Secretary in the Club-house.

Extra precautions have been taken to cope with the crowd, and no admission will be allowed after the sale of the last ticket.

## NEXT WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

SATURDAY	
First Division	
Kowloon	v Sing Tao
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)	
Middlesex	v Club
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	
Eastern	v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
Second Division	
Service Corps	v Engineers
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)	
Kowloon	v Sing Tao
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)	
Club	v Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
Ordnance	v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)	
Third Division	
36th R.A.	v Shell
(St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)	
Medicals	v Air Force
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)	
20th R.A.	v 12th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)	
Service Corps	v 35th R.A.
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)	
24th R.A.	v International
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	
SUNDAY	
First Division	
R. Scots	v Police
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	
St. Joseph's	v South China
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
Second Division	
R. Scots	v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
South China	v Kit Chee
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)	
Kwong Wah	v Police
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)	
Third Division	
Engineers	v Signals
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	
A.S.A.	v 7th R.A.
(Boundary Street, 2.45 p.m.)	

## AITKENHEAD SHIELD GAMES

THE ANNUAL BOWLS MATCH BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON FOR THE AITKENHEAD SHIELD WILL BE PLAYED AT KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB ON SATURDAY AT 2.30 P.M.

Following are the teams:  
D. M. Khan, W. Hong Sling, W. Dall, J. Deakin (Hong Kong) v V. C. Labrum, W. Parsons, J. Fraser, F. Goodwin.

J. Hayward, G. S. Ladd, W. J. Bagley, C. S. Rosset (Hong Kong) v H. A. Castro, T. K. Lim, W. J. Howard, A. J. Kew.

S. Yusuf, C. W. Lam, R. Basa, U. M. Omar (Hong Kong) v G. W. Deacon, D. W. Waterton, G. H. Sheriff, A. M. Holland.

J. McCutcheon, R. A. Edwards, T. M. Pile, A. J. J. (Hong Kong) v A. A. Dand, Y. Abbas, C. Dowman, R. Hall.

E. Casey, J. Prentice, G. Perkins, E. G. Post (Hong Kong) v W. L. Walker, Sir Atholl MacGregor, J. G. Meyer, A. J. Hall.

G. Stephens, R. C. Butler, W. Gill, G. Duncan (Hong Kong) v H. Overy, A. W. Ramsay, W. Hyde, E. Kern.

R. Main, G. Patterson, W. Melrose, J. Chalmers (Hong Kong) v A. M. Calman, T. Coleman, R. Morrison, J. McKelvie.

C. Needham, C. Strange, L. E. Lammer, A. Brooksbank (Hong Kong) v J. A. Luz, C. H. Basto, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha.

A. G. Gardner, W. B. Harris, J. Orem, J. C. Fender (Hong Kong) v H. White, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde-Lay, R. Duncan.

J. C. Gellally, A. B. Allan, J. F. McGowan, M. N. Rakusen (Hong Kong) v F. X. Monteiro, C. E. Marques, F. V. V. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva.

C. Gowland, H. W. Randall, S. Eccleshall, W. K. Way (Hong Kong) v B. Evans, R. Ogden, V. Atienza, W. C. Simpson.

J. Hoogen, A. S. Suffad, S. M. Rum-jahn, M. Y. Adal (Hong Kong) v J. A. Remedios, D. C. Alves, J. J. Basto, C. G. Silva.

## V.R.C. HON. SEC. TO WED

The forthcoming wedding is announced between A. O. Barretto, Hon. Secretary of Victoria Recreation Club, and Miss Gloria D'Almada.

## ENGLAND FULL-BACK KILLED

Pilot-Officer E. J. Parsons, the Yorkshire and England Rugby Union full-back, has been killed on active service.

Parsons, an Australian, was a full-back of the sound and dour type who, because his play was not spectacular, was rather generally voted a surprise selection when in March last year he played against Scotland at Murrayfield. He was given the place that had been well filled by another Overseas player, H. D. Freakes, of Oxford.

## POLLARD'S SPITFIRE SPIRIT

Dick Pollard, the Lancashire cricketer, showed real Spitfire spirit in a recent match at Westhoughton for the local Spitfire Fund.

After hitting up 53 in quick time and receiving a collection of £1 10s. 6d., he handed over the money to the Fund.

Pollard was the chief scorer for W. Farrimond's XI, who made 174, Cecil Parkin's XI replying with 164 for seven.

Seven Lancashire players in all took part in the match. Winston Place scored 15 and took four wickets for 28, Phillipson scored 16, and J. Bowes 18, but Eddie Paynter obtained only a single.

The Hong Kong University Hockey Club have awarded colours to W. Abraham, Low Nan-hang and Lee Chee-koon.

## Connie Mack Is Sure Yankees Will Win In 1941

Connie Mack, veteran manager of the Philadelphia Athletics who predicted last January that the Yanks would lose the American League pennant this year believes that New York will come back and win the title in 1941.

"I had a great team once," he recalled. "That team I got together in 1910 was one of the greatest and I saw them crack up and lose when everyone said they couldn't. Then they came back and were champions again."

"That's what the Yanks will do next year."

## FROM HERE AND THERE

F. E. Lawrence, who now plays for C.S.C.C. 2nd XI, is perhaps the oldest active cricketer in Hong Kong to-day in the sense that this is his 26th season of cricket in Hong Kong. Prior to coming out here Lawrence had a few years of cricket in England and played on the famous Edgbaston ground.

It is learned from a reliable source that the badminton members of Victoria R.C. are planning to stage a Club tournament consisting of men's singles and doubles events and also a mixed doubles competition.

Len Alltree, who played softball for Hong Kong Baseball Club some two seasons ago, is making a return to the game, this time in C.B.A. colours. He has played one game so far and will probably be one of the regular team, occupying the centre or right-field berth.

A. Kitchell, for many seasons one of the stalwarts of Craigen-gower's 2nd XI in the Cricket League, will not be taking an active part this year.

Latest member of the Local Admiralty Clerks' Association, who ran a team in the Inter-Hong Softball tourney last year, is A. J. Hussain, well-known footballer and swimmer. Hussain has just joined the Naval Dockyard and should find a place in Lacas' softball team.

Congratulations to "Obear" el Arculli, H.B. baseballer and Indian R.C. cricketer, on his forthcoming marriage to Miss R. Suffad, sister of A. S. Suffad, former Indian R.C. First Division cricketer.

Sergt. Flaherty, who has been playing a lot of snooker at Police Headquarters lately, has been tipped as the likely one to win the Police snooker championship which, it is understood, will be held in Central's snooker room in the not distant future.

Both B. R. Iranice and W. K. Way may not be able to play much cricket for Craigen-gower this season as they will be away from the Colony periodically on business trips.

B. W. Bradbury, former Colony bowls champion, prominent owner at the Valley and president of Craigen-gower Cricket Club, may be returning to the Colony late this month.

Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary of the Softball League, had a very busy week last week. He is in the A.R.P. and was on duty for three days of the week, but he still found time to arrange the week-end softball fixtures to every one's satisfaction.

# OWNER SUES WHITE CROSS INC. IN PHILIPPINES

ACCORDING TO the "Manila Bulletin," a civil suit involving P4,000 was filed in the Manila court of first instance on October 30 by C. A. Barretto, Manila race horse owner, against the White Cross, Inc.; Miguel Romualdez, racing manager of the Philippine Racing Club; and Dr. Sixto Carlos and Jose Montes, judges. The suit grew out of the morning daily double held on October 27 by the racing club under the auspices of the White Cross.

Barretto seeks to recover the amount, which he claims he should have won were it not for an erroneous decision of the judges.

Barretto claims that his horse Clarion ran a dead heat with Solado, which was declared a winner by the judges.

Barretto alleges that the photograph taken of the race shows that Clarion was ahead of Solado, for which reason the judges should have declared Clarion the winner or at least declared the race a dead heat. The winning combination as decided by the judges was Emir (No. 2) and Solado (No. 3).

The plaintiff states that he had five tickets at P2 each on Emir and Clarion which should have netted him P3,130. Aside from this he held two tickets to win on Clarion which would have given him a dividend of P260, in addition to the purse of P250 for the winning horse.

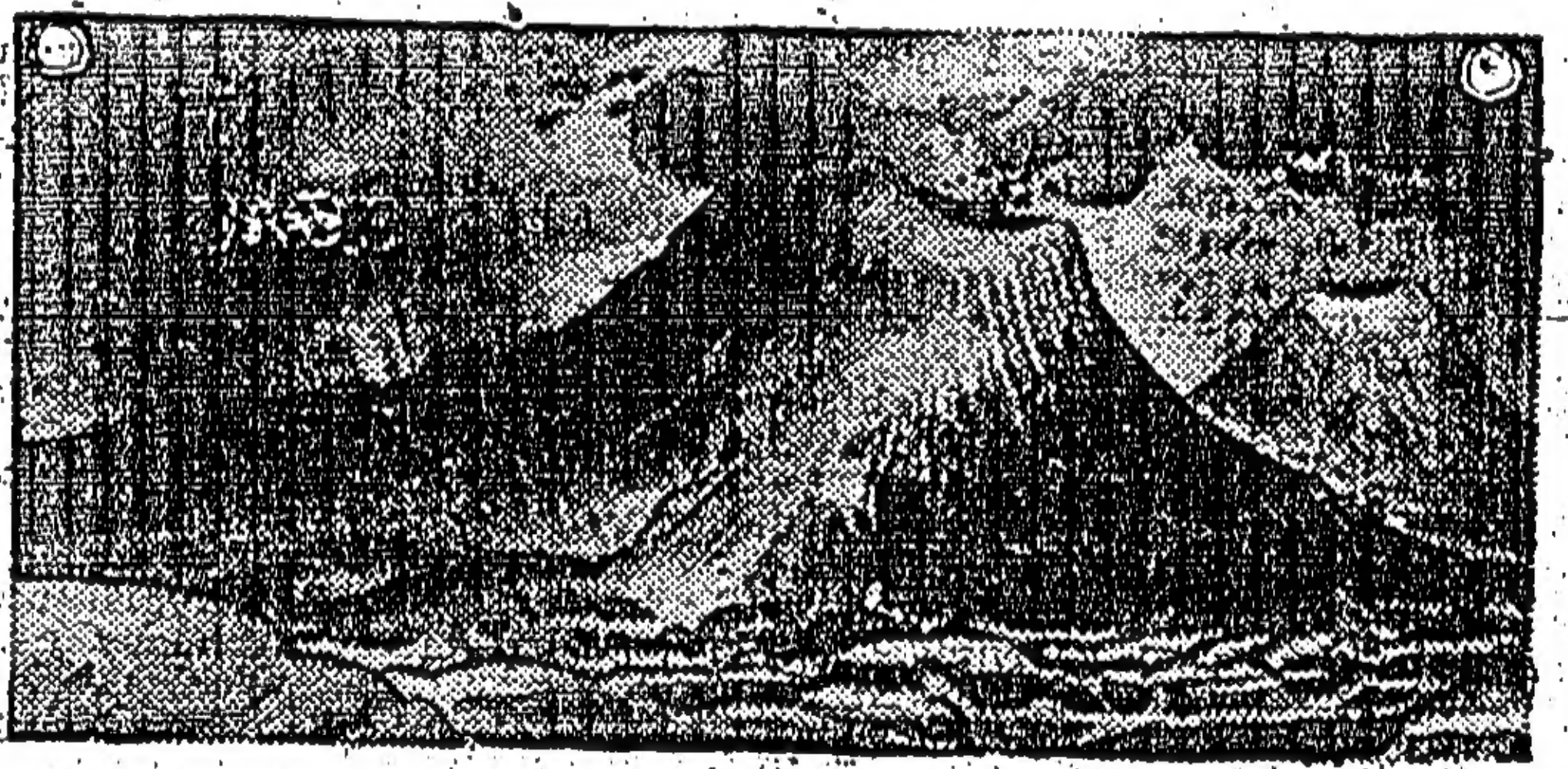
## KNOWS EVERY SPOT

Bill Nicholson, Chicago Cubs outfielder, has batted in every position from one to nine in the four years he has been in organized baseball.

## KERMANI IN COLONY

One of Shanghai's better all-round cricketers, F. R. Kermani—one of the stars of the Shanghai Recreation Club—is at present in the Colony on holiday. He turned out for Craigen-gower Cricket Club against University on Saturday but did little of note. He is returning north next week.

C. Manson is a keen softballer and, though only starting this season, is already playing in the St. Joseph's team.



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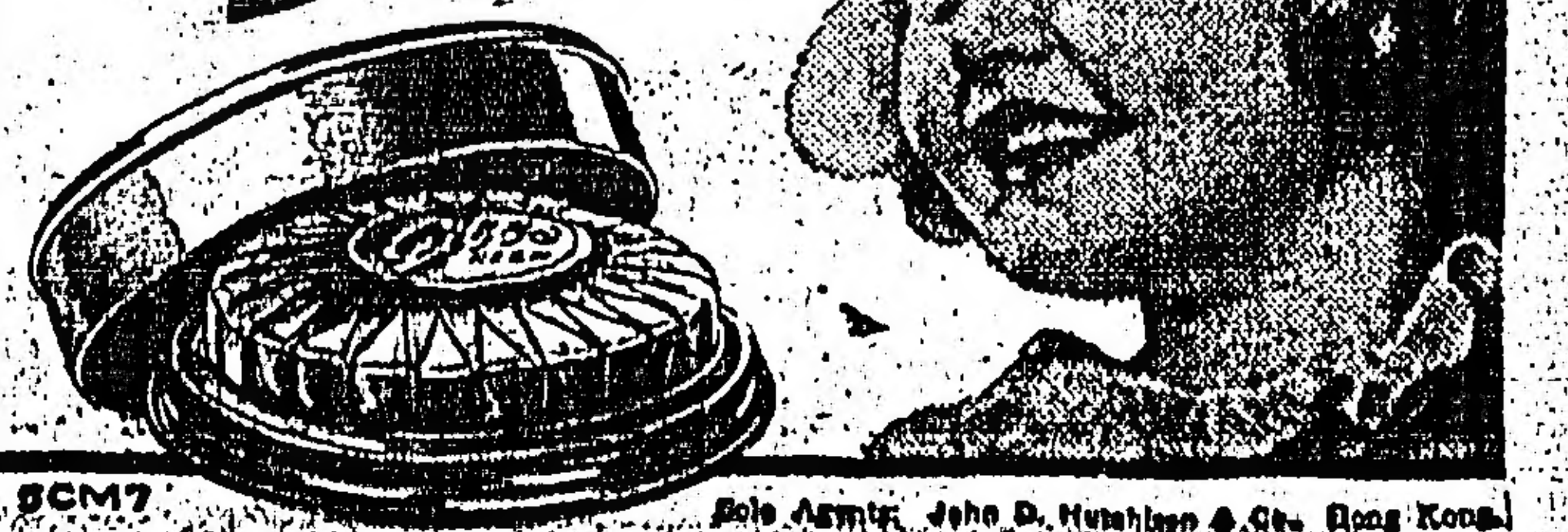
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# AMERICA AND MARTINIQUE

## No Immediate Action Expected By M. Haye

### TWO MORE ITALIAN SUBMARINES SUNK

The destruction of two more Italian submarines by British light forces was announced in a brief Admiralty communique last night.

The hunt in one case was carried out in cooperation with the R.A.F., it was added.—Reuter.

### Naples And Kiel Raided

Successful attacks upon objectives at Kiel and Naples were carried out on Sunday night by the Bomber Command despite extremely difficult weather conditions, according to an Air Ministry announcement in London last evening.

The attack on Kiel lasted nearly 70 minutes and was carried out by waves of British aircraft. Other aircraft bombed the main railway station at Naples and oil tanks at Poggioreale, on the southern outskirts of the city.

Bombers which attacked Naples reported that Italian anti-aircraft guns provided more effective opposition than on the previous raid.

The city was well blacked out and as our aircraft approached they were met by a heavy and fairly accurate fire. The attacks on the naval dockyards at Kiel were delayed until early yesterday morning, when weather conditions showed some improvement, and it was not until 4 a.m. that the first British raider reached the target area.—Reuter.

#### Clouds Of Smoke

Though the attack on Naples was hampered by cloud the lead-

## Petaín's Reply To Roosevelt

"There won't be an immediate American move to take over French possessions in the Western Hemisphere," was the belief expressed by the French Ambassador, M. Henri Haye, after delivering Marshal Petaín's reply to President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.

M. Haye told the press that Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Sumner Welles, who both read the reply, seemed favourably impressed.

He said he had no objection to publication of the reply but this was a matter for the State Department.

He scoffed at the idea that the Martinique population would prefer transfer to the American flag.

There was no change in French policy in recent days regarding their western possessions nor in the negotiations with Germany and Italy, M. Haye added.

Reports that peace proposals from Hitler had been transmitted to Washington via the French Embassy find no confirmation either in the State Department or the Embassy.—Reuter.

#### Delivered Yesterday

Marshal Petaín's reply to President Roosevelt's message concerning Franco-American relations was delivered yesterday to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, by the French Ambassador in Washington, M. Henri Haye.

M. Haye declined to reveal the contents to newspapermen who questioned him.—Reuter.

ing aircraft dropped flares and then came down low to plant a stick of bombs between the main railway station and the junction.

The naval dockyards at Kiel were heavily bombed for nearly seventy minutes by relays of aircraft.

The first raider reached the target area shortly after four o'clock in the morning and started fires in the dockyard which were burning strongly when the second wave of the attack arrived later.

Bombing through gaps in the clouds the new arrivals scored repeated hits with heavy calibre bombs in the dock area and started two large fires which gave off great clouds of black smoke.

The pilot of one heavy bomber planted a stick of heavy calibre bombs accurately across the dockyard.

Heavy fire from powerful ground batteries greeted each attack.—British Wireless.

## ACTION AFTER THE ELECTION?

AMERICAN ACTION IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA AFTER THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS IS EXPECTED IN SOME QUARTERS IN MARTINIQUE, WHERE AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICERS ARE REPORTED TO BE MAKING REPEATED INQUIRIES ABOUT HOUSING POSSIBILITIES.

American-built warplanes originally destined for France, which were held up at Martinique, are still at the flying-field, and it is reported they are so rusty that they are unserviceable.—Reuter.

## PATROCLUS TORPEDOED AND SUNK

Two British armed merchant cruisers, one of them well-known on the Far Eastern run, have been sunk by the enemy, according to an Admiralty announcement in London last night.

They are the Laurentic (18,721 tons), a former Cunard-White Star liner, and the Patroclus (11,314 tons), the Blue Funnel liner formerly on the Liverpool-Far East service.

Both vessels, says the Admiralty communique, were torpedoed.—Reuter.

Reports so far received indicate that the following number of survivors have been rescued by British ships:—Laurentic, officers 52, ratings 316; Patroclus, officers 33, ratings 230.—British Wireless.

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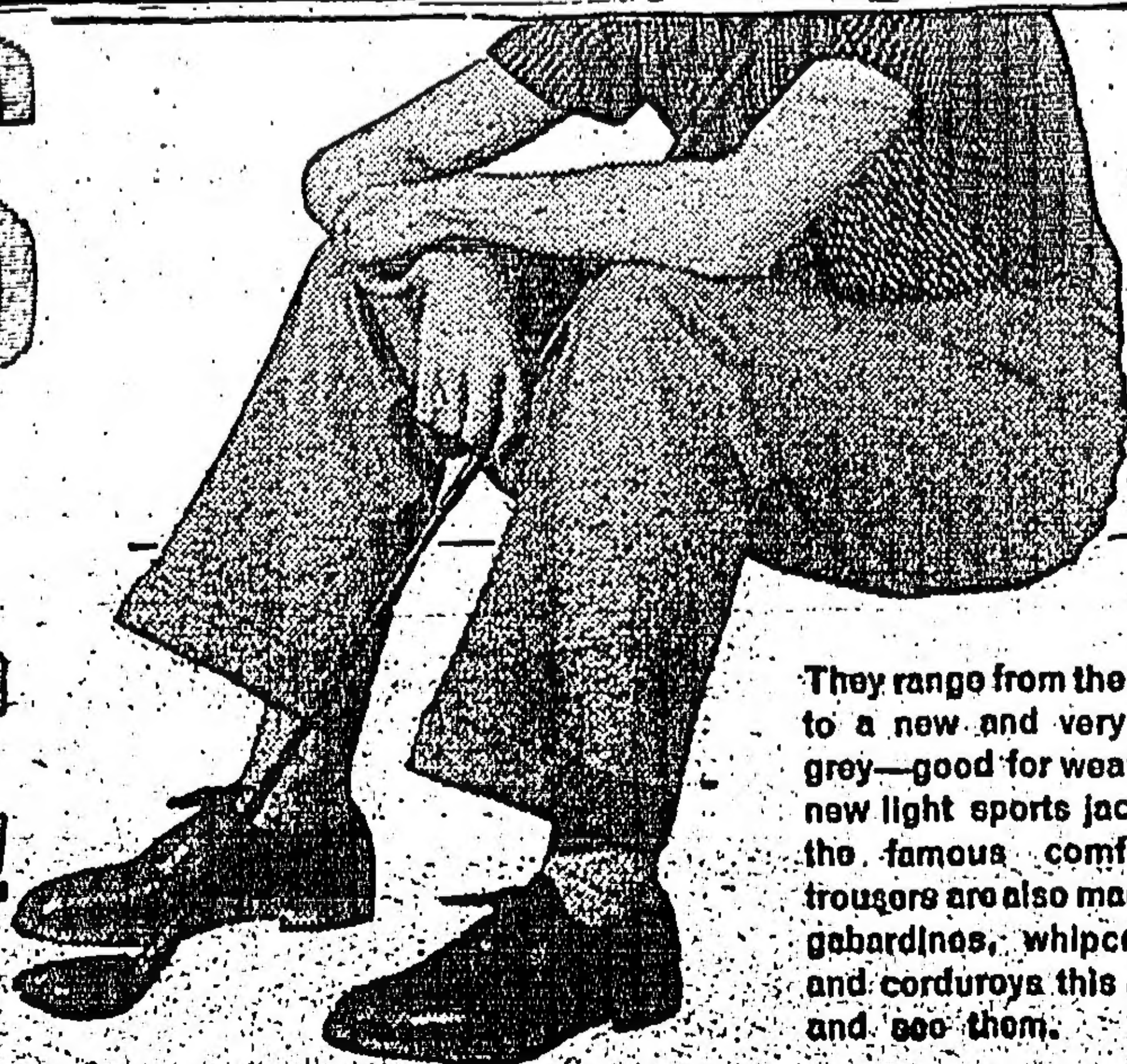
A shipping service between French Indo-China ports and Macao was inaugurated yesterday on the arrival from Haiphong of the s.s. Sul Kwangtung. The ship sailed from Macao for Haiphong this morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

Two passengers were slightly injured to-day when two motor-buses collided head-on in Yam Chow Street, Shamshuipo.

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